

FACULTY BOARD, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Minutes of Meeting November 30, 2000

Etherington Hall, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M. with 40 members present.

1. **Announcements**

The Senate has approved the establishment of a Centre for studies in Primary Care. The Centre will be affiliated with the Department of Family Medicine.

Congratulations to Dr. J. Duffin for being selected as "Friend of the CFMS, 2000" for outstanding medical student advocacy. The award was presented by the Canadian Federation of Medical students.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Dr. H. Berman and **Seconded** by Dr. M. Lamb that the agenda be approved with one addition, "High Performance Computing Virtual Laboratory."

CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2000**

Moved by Dr. A. Clark and **Seconded** by Dr. S. Pang that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Introduction of New Faculty**

Department of Psychiatry, Dr. Leverette introduced Drs. K. LeClair, N. Garcin, M. Andrew, M. Robinson and C. Jones-Hiscock.

Department of Physiology, Dr. A. Ferguson introduced Dr. M. Pare

Department of Pathology, Dr. P. Manley introduced Dr. M. Arquint, and Dr. L. Tomalty introduced Dr. T. Karmauchow.

Dr. J. Duffin welcomed the new members to Faculty Board and to Queen's University.

5. **Queen's High Performance Computing Virtual Laboratory**

Dr. A. Pollard, Professor Mechanical Engineering, presented Faculty Board with the HPCVL initiative.

High performance computing (HPC) is co-ordinated on campus by Queen's Numerically Intensive Computing Group or QNIC. QNIC reports to the VP Research. QNIC led the formation of The High Performance Computing Virtual Laboratory (HPCVL), a consortium of 4 universities: Queen's, RMC, University of Ottawa and Carleton University. HPCVL is a superset of QNIC & like groups at the other member Universities. HPCVL will begin installing a very large SUN Microsystems computer at Queen's early next year (January 2001). The new

computer will be the **largest academic HPC machine in Canada.** HPCVL will continue to operate the IBM SP.

HPCVL will be hiring staff to help in the application of the high performance computers. Any member of the Queen's community interested in using these facilities should contact Dr. a. Pollard. (pollardqme.queensu.ca) or Dr. D. Mewhort, Psychology (dougavip.psyc.queensu.ca).

6. **Business Arising From the Minutes**

a) **Report of the Committee to Study the Impact of Medical Student Fees**

Dean D. Walker stated that the committee was formed in response to concerns that the increase in tuition fees would have a negative impact on the access, and diversity of future students aspiring to enter the study of medicine. The committee was co-chaired by Mr. S. Chitte and Dean D. Walker.

Moved by Dr. A. Ferguson and **Seconded** by Dr. K. Nakatsu that Faculty Board endorse the report.

Discussion:

Dr. H. Berman questioned the calculations used to estimate the debt load at graduation of a medical student. The calculations are based on three summers of work, which is not correct. A debt load of \$100,000 at graduation is too great. The recommendation that "the University lobby the Provincial Government to modify OSAP caps to ensure congruence with fee levels." Should be reconsidered. Why not have OSAP changes in place before increasing the fees? The government should fund universities appropriately. He reiterated the position of PAIRO, (Professional Association of Interns and Residents of Ontario) as being opposed to the high cost of education.

Dr. A. Froese was concerned that the report did not have appropriate mechanisms to ensure the diversity of the applicant pool.

Dr. H. Berman commented that collection of data on why applicants elect not to come to Queen's is not useful, as they most likely were accepted at another medical school in Ontario. An appropriate process would be to collect data on career choices from students who select other careers.

The major problem with the report is that it lacks substance in that it attempts to protect students but does not specifically say how.

Dr. J. Duffin asked Dr. A. Clark to assume the Chair.

Dr. J. Duffin commented that from her research into this topic, she concludes that there are no data on the impact of high fees on the choice of medicine as a career, and that demographic data suggests that medical students are from higher social-economic groups. She suggested that Board should approve the report as it was essential for the School of Medicine to be fiscally sound. She suggested a detailed study of student demographics and the impact of fees on those demographics might be warranted.

In response to a question Dean D. Walker stated that the increase in fees would translate into maintaining and improving the educational experience of the students

The Motion **CARRIED**.

Dr. H. Berman requested that his negative vote be recorded.

7. **Dean's Report**

a) **COFM**

The COFM expert panel will soon deliver its report on the status of the Medical School of the North. It is expected that the report will call for expansion of the existing schools rather than a new medical school.

b) **Development/Advancement**

The Development office has been very active. The creation of a number of new chairs will be announced shortly. A goal is to increase the endowment fund which supports student bursaries. (The goal is to triple the bursary fund over four years.)

c) **Animal Care Services**

Dr. Bruce Hutchinson is chairing a committee studying the recommendations of various reviews of the Animal Care Services.

d) **Mission / Vision**

A mission/vision document for the faculty is in the production stage. The document will contain information regarding shared values for the Faculty and the University.

Dean D. Walker outlined five objectives for the Faculty of Health Sciences:

- Criterion driven identification of established and emerging foci of research strength
- Cluster research groups of coherence into identified programs to advance synergy
- Develop, modify and measure excellent and innovative care delivery systems, integrated with educational and research programs, in collaboration with our regional and northern partners
- Review and modify curriculum
- Enhance development

8. **Reports From the Schools**

a) **School of Rehabilitation Therapy**

Dr. T. Krupa reported on the applications and admissions for September, 2000.

- This was the first year for a centralized application process. (ORPAS)
- Total applications for all Ontario was 2,367; 651 for Occupational Therapy and 1,542 for Physical Therapy. These numbers are lower than expected and will need to be monitored.
- For the Queen's program, there were 101 applications for the OT program, with 41 registered and 203 applications for the PT program with 44 registered.
- Students with previous degrees comprise 52% of the entering class.

- Students transferring within Queen's, were OT – 14 and PT – 7.

b) School of Nursing

Dr. M. Lamb presented the admissions report for the School of Nursing.

- There were 337 applications for entry into year 1 of the program and 74 students registered. The number of applications is consistent with 1999.
- For admission into year 2, (advanced standing or students transferring from other programs) there were 83 applications, 16 were accepted and 16 registered.
- For the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner, 8 students were accepted.
- There were 14 applications for the MSc. Program, and 7 students registered.

c) School of Medicine

Dean D. Walker reported that the Whig Standard is interested in publishing short articles on issues relating to health care and activities of the Faculty of Health Sciences. Anyone interested in preparing a short article should contact Dr. L. Tomalty.

Dr. P. Ellis presented the Admissions Report for the School of Medicine. There were 1,570 applications, 398 were interviewed, 128 were offered admission and 80 students registered. The gender distribution of offers were 50% male, 50% female and those accepting the offer of admission was 50 male and 30 female (of the class of 80).

9. Report From the Nominating Committee

Moved by Dr. W. Racz and **Seconded** by Dr. J. Leverette that Dr. D. Delva, Department of Family Medicine be nominated for a three year term, as a member of the Admissions Committee, Medicine. There being no further nominations, Dr. Delva was declared elected.

10. Newest Teaching-Aids, Gross Anatomy and Histology

Dr. S. Pang gave a brief presentation of the Gross Anatomy and Histology Image Catalogue (GAHIC). The GAHIC contains 2-3 thousand Anatomy and Histology images and can be accessed through the internet. The purpose of the GAHIC is to make the specimens housed in the department of Anatomy and Cell Biology available to students and professors at Queen's and elsewhere. The process of accessing the GAHIC was distributed with the agenda or can be obtained from the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion,
Moved by Dr. G. Flynn and **Seconded** by Dr. A. Clark

W.J. Racz
Secretary
Faculty Board