Minutes
Dean’s Advisory Committee
December 13, 2011

Dean Roper brought the meeting to order. He recognized two new members Pat Brennwald, Acting Chair of Cell and Development Biology, and Don Budenz, Chair of Ophthalmology. He also mentioned Wesley Burks, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, who was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

Five Year Reviews

Dr. Terry Noah represented Pediatrics in presenting, for the Committee’s approval, the following distinguished professorships.

David Peden, MD, MS, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine – Harry S. Andrews Professor
Stuart Gold, MD – inaugural Stuart M. Gold, MD, Distinguished Professor

Unanimous approval was given for the designation of both these professorships.

Information and Discussion Items

Dr. Cam Enarson provided an overview of proposed revisions to the School of Medicine Bylaws. The bylaws have been revised to include additional standing committees of the School of Medicine and to increase peer selection of faculty committee members. Following review by the Dean’s Advisory Committee, the proposed revisions will be sent electronically to the faculty for a vote. After a discussion, the DAC endorsed the proposed bylaws changes and the use of electronic voting for approval of the proposed changes.

Annual Faculty Evaluation Policy – the provision of annual faculty reviews was included in the 2006 SOM strategic plan, but this requirement had not been codified within SOM policy. Dr. Cam Enarson presented a draft policy which included the requirement for all faculty, who were hired as of January 1st, to receive formal feedback on their progress toward promotion and or tenure, if applicable. Following discussion the timeline for completion of this review was adjusted to December 31st of the same calendar year. The policy on Annual Faculty Evaluation was unanimously approved.

Faculty Scholarship Update – Dr. Cam Enarson announced that the data on faculty scholarship included in the LCME database will need to be updated. The departmental data for 2009-10 will be sent to department chairs and department administrators to use as a starting point for this revision. The new data will need to be received by the end of February.
Announcements

Dean Roper reminded those assembled that the LCME Mock Site Visit is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 through Wednesday, December 21. Dr. Enarson advised the group of some of the preparations made for this visit. He also noted that adverse actions by the LCME have been increasing including placing the educational program leading to the MD degree at the University of Texas at San Antonio on probation. This reinforces the need for continued attention and focus on the preparations leading up to the March 10-14 site visit.

Dr. Roper mentioned the WakeMed news coverage. The article scheduled to be published on December 14 is expected to report on conversations to enhance the relationships between WakeMed and UNC Health Care.

The Fall Faculty meeting was very productive. Combining this meeting with the Semi-Annual Medical Staff meeting increased participation. The plans are to move the combined meeting to the MBRB Auditorium next year. Anyone with suggestions for this meeting should send them to the Dean’s Office.

Dean Roper also advised that the School will seek a school-based tuition increase to be considered after the first of the year. UNC School of Medicine’s tuition is extremely low (approximately the 10th lowest). Our tuition will still be very low with an increase of about $1,000 over the next few years.

Amelia Drake, MD, reported that the SOM has achieved about 50% participation in the Faculty Forward survey. She expressed her appreciation to the chairs for promoting faculty participation within their departments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dean Roper.