

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL MEETING
Hugh Gloster Building, Room #205
Thursday, January 24, 2008
MINUTES (REVISED)

Members Present: Drs. Ngozi Anachebe, Daniel Blumenthal, Eve Higginbotham (Chair), Peter MacLeish, David Mann, Roland Matthews, Gail Mattox, Marjorie Smith, Myrtle Thierry-Palmer, Kelwyn Thomas, William Weaver, Yolanda Wimberly and Ms. Cynthia Henderson

Absent: Drs. Mohammed A. Bayorh, Frances Dunston, Martha Elks, Byron Ford, Frank Jones, Myra Rose, Jonathan Stiles, Harry Strothers

Others Present: Ms. Sandra Watson, Ms. Ruby Thomas (student), Ms. Detanya Celestine and Dr. Douglas Paulsen

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Approval of December 20, 2007 Minutes	A motion was made by Ms. Henderson and seconded by Dr. Wimberly	Attendance record needs correcting; Minutes approved
II. Faculty Appointment and Promotion Committee Report	<p>Dr. Mattox presented the FAPC report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Phillips, M.D., M.P.H. – recommended for appointment to Assistant Professor (Series I) Department of Medicine and Research Assistant Professor (Series II Secondary), Department of Community Health and Preventative Medicine. It was requested to have FAPC information two weeks prior to APC meeting. • Emeritus appointments – FAPC recommended that no change to the definition would be made and fringe benefits/allowances (if applicable) would be negotiated on a case by case basis. 	<p>Motion seconded by Dr. Smith and approved.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Dr. Mann and approved</p>

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<p>III. MSM Honorary Degrees</p>	<p>Dr. Anachebe presented candidates to receive Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mr. Earl Graves, Sr., founder and publisher of Black Enterprise magazine. b) Dr. Helene Gayle, president and CEO of C.A.R.E. <p>A question was asked about criteria and process for honorary degrees. Dr. Anachebe and Dr. Smith summarized the process and indicated the recipient is usually also an invited speaker, but not always. APC should work toward a fall date for approval of the honorary degree candidates.</p>	<p>Mr. Graves' nomination was seconded by Dr. Thomas and approved. Dr. Gayle's nomination was seconded by Dr. Weaver and approved</p>
<p>IV. Certificate and Masters Programs in Biomedical Sciences</p>	<p>Dr. Paulsen summarized a proposal to add 2 certificate and 2 masters programs in Biomedical Science. Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify the number of students per program, per year: 10-thesis masters; 10-non thesis masters; 20-certificate programs • Space – where will classes be held: Scheduled around current use in the pathology lab. There is a need for discussion and decision around Gloster second floor remodeling • Curriculum – not set in stone, but the basis is a portion of the Ph.D. curriculum to optimize current Ph.D teaching faculty. There is a need to hire additional faculty: Graduate biochemistry course is needed • Impact on current programs of using resources already 	

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<p>V. Other</p>	<p>dedicated: a number of funded researchers are without students; normally 2-5 students/lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to codify rules before students arrive. For example, what happens to courses taken during the masters program: They must be retaken. • Is SACS approval required: No SACS accredits schools, not programs. • If not approved, how long must we wait for reconsideration: this is the last step before Board approval. • How many students are expected: 5 new Ph.D students and 8 masters students. <p>A motion was made by Dr. Smith to approve in principle the proposal for certificate and masters programs as presented, with the understanding that members have concerns that will be addressed by the program (e.g., proposals to address faculty, curricular and space needs), and that there will be periodic updates to the council related to those concerns as the program is further developed and finalized Dr. Mann seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Henderson reported that the number of authors for 2007 had increased to 170 since the last report, indicating data bases are slow. More names will likely be added. This is far ahead of the 151 reported last year.</p>	<p>Motion approved to move forward to the Board with 2 abstentions.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned