

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
QEP Faculty Champions

Minutes

December 16, 2010

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST

Members Present: Cindy Acton, Bonna Benjamin, Shelley Burson, Sharon Decker, Suzanne Escudier, Herb Janssen, Dorothy Jackson, Rial Rolfe, David Straus, Charles Seifert, Meghan Reid

Members Absent: Barbara Sawyer, Carla Myers

- I. Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Sharon Decker at 10:00am.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** Sharon Decker motioned to approved last meetings minutes. Cindy Acton seconded this motion. The minutes were approved.

III. Old Business

A. Seed Grants

Sharon Decker informed the group that the call for seed grant proposals has gone out (December 2). Two groups have already expressed interest. Cindy Acton had an idea as well. She has been approached by the School of Nursing (SON) faculty because they wanted clarification on the seed grant proposals. They have realized that most departments don't know each other well and this presents a problem because the seed grant proposals require different disciplines to work together. Cindy suggested that we have a brown bag for those faculty who are interested in pursuing a seed grant. We might have to push back the deadline for seed grant proposals in order to hold this brown bag. Sharon Decker suggested having a brown bag at other campuses as well. Rial Rolfe thinks this is a good idea and it would be interesting to see how it works out. Bonna Benjamin was concerned about having enough faculty in Amarillo to assist with brown bags and thought perhaps we could do a polycom instead. It was decided that the brown bag should take place after the new year and we will extend the deadline for seed grant proposals. The brown bag will be techlinked to all campuses.

b. **2011 Expansion Grant (\$10,000):** We plan to advertise the expansion grant in January. Sharon Decker has mentioned the expansion grant to several faculty and they are excited about it. Charles Seifert believes the common theme with the seed grants was that students had eye opening experiences to other professions after their endeavor. He asked if we should we use this as a theme? Bonna Benjamin agreed and also mentioned that she wasn't sure what our goals are in terms of expanding the project. We need to determine what is it we are trying to expand. Sharon Decker explained that it would be an in-depth expansion on a Pilot Project. Cindy Acton and Sharon Decker met with Dr. Song (statistician) last week to discuss data analysis which will assist in our research endeavors and make it reliable. Charles Seifert feels the expansion project also needs to be across disciplines AND across campuses – this is where the expansion should lead.

B. Faculty Development

Brown Bags: Sharon Decker asked the group if we need more brown bags for faculty related to interprofessional teamwork and how to integrate this interprofessional teamwork into a course. Suzanne Escudier and David Straus do not know if there is much interest and the lunch hour would be hard. Herb Janssen is having trouble getting interprofessional teamwork integrated on his campus and thinks a half day workshop through the faculty development office might be a good idea. He feels it could draw enough people to make it worthwhile. We might even be able to integrate some TeamSTEPPS.

Cindy Acton wondered if we might need to hold brown bags for the curriculum directors to get them on the same page with interprofessional education.

Rial Rolfe mentioned that an educational operations committee may be developed at the institutional level. We need an educational operations committee which will focus on interprofessional education. Dr. Rolfe asked if the group was okay with him going forward and getting this committee together. Charles Seifert agreed that this would be a good idea because he has no influence with his curriculum team. If we can embrace interprofessional education as an institution, it would be a huge start. Cindy Acton thinks clarifying the roles of the Faculty Champions and the new committee would be important.

Sharon Decker recently met with Dr. Williams. The meeting went well and Dr. Williams wants to have an interprofessional Wii contest at the SimLife Center. The teams would have to be interprofessional.

C. **CLARION** – Cindy Acton and Suzanne Escudier gave an update on CLARION. The School of Medicine (SOM) has approved the course and thanks to everyone who assisted with this. Cindy Acton already has a SOM faculty volunteer to assist with facilitating the course. Cindy has been in contact with interested students. Sharon Decker mentioned that in her meeting with Dr. Williams, he was already referring to the course as “Honors” so we will need to get clarification on that and should hear something soon. Cindy has been working on the syllabus/course/website and needs to know who wants to be involved. She will send the syllabus to the Faculty Champions to look at.

SimWars – After Sharon Decker and Cindy Acton met with the statistician, it was realized that in order to utilize the study, numbers are really important. Cindy Acton explained that the tool must be validated with volume. Trying to get enough students involved could be an issue. We will continue to work on the research design and format.

Suzanne Escudier would like to send the SimWars abstract to AAMC.

D. Elective Course: See CLARION update above.

IV. *New Business*

A. **SAC’s Update** – Sharon Decker said that SACS was very enlightening, but got lots of differing opinions. The five year report must be 10 pages. She learned a lot about the do’s and don’ts for the report. We must validate our process and rationalize everything. If we make changes, they want to know WHY and want data to back it up.

Sharon Decker would like to have an 8 hour strategic planning meeting for Faculty Champions in January to look at what has been done so far and do some logic models to see where we are going and where we want to go. This will assist with the SACS report and help us to form a timeline for this year. Meghan will send out a doodle on Monday for this strategic planning meeting. It will be in late January or February.

Council of Deans - Rial Rolfe and Sharon Decker updated us on the Council of Deans meeting that they recently presented at. President Mitchell wants to have an interprofessional course and the deans seemed enthusiastic about this. Sharon and Dr. Rolfe envision the course to be made of modules but also will include some face to face opportunities. There seems to be a strong desire to have an interprofessional education institute. They were very encouraged by this meeting, and it was very upbeat and positive.

B. Meeting with Trauma Services –

Sharon Decker had a meeting with Dr. Griswold related to an advanced trauma course. A grant has just come down related to Patient Safety. This grant fits Dr. Griswold's vision and fits interprofessional teamwork. He is also going to apply for a seed grant. He will be forming a team to work on this grant whose ultimate goal will be to look at communication within a trauma setting.

Sharon will put together a memo and meeting related to patient safety and simulation and send to faculty.

C. Strategic Planning Meeting: See SACS update above.

V. *Announcements/Reminders*

Student research week – the deadline for abstracts is in January. David Straus will find the dates/timeline for this and send it to Sharon.

VI. *Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am by Sharon Decker. The next meeting will likely be the strategic planning meeting. A doodle will be sent to choose a date for this.*