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Meeting Minutes
UNM Health Sciences Center Committee
December 6, 2016

UNM Health Sciences Center Committee (the "HSC") members present:

Marron Lee, Chair

Tom Clifford, Vice Chair

Rob Doughty, III

Chair Lee called the meeting of the HSC Committee to order at 8:35 a.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting of the HSC Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Comments from Committee Members

There were no comments from Committee Members.

Chancellor's Administrative Report

Dr. Paul Roth's report included information on the anticipation that the Select Panel on Infant Lives will release their reports soon and that the Minority Report was released. He reassured the Regents and public that "[the Health Sciences Center] has always conducted our research in full accord with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations and policies governing this type of research. We've always operated transparently in conducting this research and have fully complied with the Select Investigative Panel's request for documents and we have never received nor exchanged any consideration for the donation of fetal tissue. We have been able to successfully support our faculty in carrying out this research and, in fact, all of our HSC research, while very, very scrupulously and mindfully attending to our duty to adhere to the principles of academic freedom. "Academic freedom" means ... "that the political, religious, or philosophical beliefs of politicians, administrators and members of the public cannot be imposed on students or faculty with regards to their research and their teaching.'" Discussion included the request by the HSC Committee to be copied on the Minority Report.

Dr. Roth provided an update, at the request of Regent Lee, on the status of the HSC website development. He introduced Dave Groth, HSC Web Communications Manager, and Mr. Groth gave a brief overview on the design process history and stood for the HSC Committee's questions. Discussion included questions on fonts, color of site, work on retrofitting websites developed prior to the establishment of the standard for websites at UNM, and the timeline on bringing those websites into compliance. Action Required: Mr. Groth will return at the HSCC January meeting to provide a timeline update.

Dr. Roth introduced Nick Estes who asked to share his thoughts on Medicare provider fees but Mr. Estes was not in attendance.

Discussion was held on Dr. Roth's slides he plans to present to the Legislative Finance Committee, FTEs, Health System budget, revenue cuts, state budget, reducing expenses and increase of patient volume to gain revenue, and a caution to be very clear on distinctions when presenting to the LFC.

UNM Health System Update

Dr. Mike Richards' presentation included information on operational efficiencies, and strategic initiatives: the creation of a transitional care unit for medical patients, the creation of a transitional care unit for behavioral health patients and work on a clinical contract agreement through Genesis. Discussion included head trauma units, behavioral health patients, and skilled nursing. Dr. Roth commented on one way the HSC plans to accommodate growth is by reducing length of stay is through the partnership with Genesis.

In response to a request from the HSC Committee at the last meeting, Mr. Steve McKernan provided a handout and gave information on what the net margins are by financial class of billing collections. The data included inpatient, outpatient, and totals; Medicaid separated out from Medicaid Commercial Insurance. Discussion was held on the complicated care for patients and reimbursement levels, Medicare algorithm, public versus private hospitals, calculating medical charges, Medicare's Outlier provision, cost to charge ratio, inpatient revenue, disproportionate share repaid, how much revenue comes from private sources; calculating uncompensated care, total operating expenses increases and cost containment; donations to HSC as a whole; fundraising, alumni, and goals; designated giving; scholarships.

Public Comment

Public comment was provided by a representative from the Student Alliance for Reproductive Justice in support of the rights of "medical professionals, faculty and students" and the signed petition was provided to the HSC Committee.

Action Items

Request for the Approval of the UNM Health Sciences Center Degree Candidates for Fall 2016

Dr. Leslie Morrison, HSC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented 68 Health Sciences Center graduates for fall 2016.

A motion was made to approve the UNM Health Sciences Center degree candidates for fall 2016. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Regent Lee congratulated the graduates.

Request for the Approval of the Nomination of Dr. Margaret Ann Massengill Armstrong to the Carrie Tingley Hospital Advisory Board

Mr. Steve McKernan gave brief background on the nomination of Dr. Margaret Ann Massengill Armstrong to the Carrie Tingley Hospital Advisory Board. Discussion was held on the importance of having nominees in the audience in order to receive input from the nominee. The HSC Committee requested that in the future the nominees be in the audience.

A motion was made to approve the nomination of Dr. Margaret Ann Massengill Armstrong to the Carrie Tingley Hospital Advisory Board. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Request for the Approval of the UNM Hospitals Contract with Philips Healthcare Informatics, Inc.

Mr. Steve McKernan provided background on the proposed UNM Hospitals contract with Philips Healthcare Informatics, Inc. regarding their service in providing radiologic diagnostic films. Discussion was held on the radiologic digital imaging system and system for comparing cost to other vendors.

A motion was made to approve the proposed contract between the UNM Hospitals and Philips Healthcare Informatics, Inc. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Request for the Approval of the UNM Hospitals Equipment Disposition of November 2016

Mr. Steve McKernan introduced the UNM Hospitals equipment November 2016 disposition list for approval. No discussion. A motion was made to approve the UNM Hospitals equipment disposition dated November 2016. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Information Items

HSC Financial Update

Ms. Ava Lovell provided a broad review on the HSC financial update that included information on the financial statements, reforecast budget requested by HED to include \$4.7 million, 5% rescission, I&G, Actuals, transfers, Research, Public Service, Project ECHO (and expansion), Sales & Service Revenue, Expenses, Student Aid and Activities, Contracts & Grants, Clinical Activity, and an explanation of the loss of use of balances. Discussion was held on Project ECHO, salary, benefits and FTEs and how cuts are presented to the State.

Executive Session

A motion was made for the HSC Committee to convene in executive session for the reasons specified in the published agenda. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Following the executive session, a motion was made to reconvene in open session and a certification that only those matters described in agenda item X were discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Marron Lee
Marron Lee, Chair, HSC Committee

1-10-17
Date