Faculty Council 01/28/15

Present:
Ajit Chaudhari, Alan Harzman, Katja Turner, Jill Rafael Fortney, Paul Janssen, Michael Tweedle, Andrej Rotter, Vijay Pancholi, Jon Walker, Amanda Toland, Mark Wewers, Mary Fristad, Brett Worly, Jas Lang, Rebecca Kuennen, Ronald Pelletier.

Meeting called to order at 07.30 with approval of the minutes.

1) Mona Prasad had to step down as Faculty Council Secretary due to her work schedule. Alan Harzman nominated Paul Janssen to serve until the next elections. Paul Janssen accepted the nomination, and was voted in as secretary.

2) College Assembly. Faculty council has 10 seats on the assembly. We need to make sure that we keep all seats filled if people rotate off faculty council. Revisit roster in upcoming months.

3) A question arose to the choice of wording to “repurpose” Hamilton Hall. Alan has checked with the powers-that-be, and will send a follow-up to the faculty council.

4) Research in View is replaced with a new program, from symplectic elements. This is the world’s biggest vendor of alike software. Per Susan Williams, it is not mandatory to use for this year’s promotion procedure.

5) In February Pete Geier will speak to faculty council (Redacted: moved to March)

6) It was brought up it is questionable whether a revenue-cost analysis will pan out for the basic science departments. Nearly all budget is faculty salary, and it may be a waste of time-resources and faculty/Lahey time to even do the audit/strategizing for those departments.

7) Largest part of meeting was devoted to the College assembly’s postponed vote to create a “Department of Education and Anatomy” in COM. Pros and cons where debated, and Alan had a follow-up talk with leadership, that was circulated to faculty council. Next COM assembly (Feb) meeting this will be voted on.

8) Next meeting: List of points that Retchin should be presented with form faculty council viewpoint of how COM is currently operating.

Meeting adjourned at 9.00 AM.