
I. Call to Order

Dr. Laitman called the Faculty Council to order at 12:02 P.M.

II. Welcome from Dr. Charney

Dr. Charney reviewed the duties of the rejuvenated Faculty Council. He noted that representatives will be the “eyes and ears” of the faculty, and will provide feedback to him on issues of which he might otherwise not be aware. The Council will also be responsible for communicating with the faculty at large.

Dr. Charney reviewed the four standing committees of the Council:
- Executive Committee
- Faculty Resources Committee
- Committee on Professionalism
- Faculty Disciplinary Tribunal

Dr. Charney noted that he will meet with the Faculty Council a minimum of twice per year, and more often on invitation.

III. Faculty Council Overview

Dr. Laitman presented a brief history of the Faculty Council and an overview of the new Council’s responsibilities.

IV. Elections

It was agreed that Ms. Schneier will distribute a list of members so that nominations can be made for the positions of President and President-Elect. The top four nominees will be queried about their willingness to serve, and those who respond positively will be placed on the ballot. Brief biographies will be provided for each candidate to facilitate the election process. The individual who receives the highest number of votes will be President, and the second highest will become President-Elect.
V. Committee Appointments

It was agreed that representatives will make recommendations for Chair or members for the standing committees of the Council. Recommendations can be made for any faculty member, not just those serving on the Council. The Executive Committee (President, President-Elect and Past President) will develop a mechanism for selecting from among the recommendations and will then proceed with the selection.

Representatives discussed the importance of having sufficient resources to support the Council committees.

VI. Meeting Schedule

Members agreed on the importance of setting a schedule for future meetings. In light of the excellent turn-out for today’s meeting, they will be polled on whether 12 or 12:30 is a better starting time.

VII. New Business

The results of the recent Employee Survey will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Arrangements for coffee at future meetings will be pursued.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12:57 p.m.