

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 3, 2014, 4:00 p.m., Wyatt 326

Present: William Barry, Kris Bartanan, Geoffrey Block (acting Chair for first half of the meeting), Douglas Cannon, Jennifer Hastings (Chair for the second half of the meeting), Mark Reinitz, and Kurt Walls

Since the first item of business concerned a Physical Therapy issue and our permanent Chair, Hastings, was for this reason not scheduled to arrive until about 4:25, the Committee decided to defer the approval of the minutes for the March 27 meeting until all were present.

The Committee then discussed a letter from Physical Therapy's Ann Wilson, Director of Clinical Education, and Jennifer Hastings, Director. The purpose of the letter, dated March 28, 2014, was "to request approval of deleting **Section VI: Special Administrative Roles: Program Director and Director of Clinical Education** from our [Physical Therapy] Guidelines for faculty evaluation." PSC member Tiffany A. MacBain, although unable to attend the meeting, submitted several questions via advance email, and, after discussing MacBain's questions as well as its own, the Committee reached a consensus that the rationale and purpose of the request from Physical Therapy was not fully clear, nor was it clear how the removal of Section VI would impact the criteria for University evaluations of the Program Director and the Director of Clinical Education for faculty advancement.

Rather than submit these questions in writing to Physical Therapy, the Committee decided to take advantage of Hastings's forthcoming arrival to discuss them in person during the second half of the meeting. Upon her arrival, the Committee approved the minutes of March 27 and made several revisions to the department Addendum statement of standards and criteria (the Addendum described in the March 27 minutes). To conclude this process, our Chair agreed to forward the revised Addendum to the department for their response.

Following the approval of the minutes the full PSC returned to a discussion of the request from Physical Therapy. With help from Hastings, the Committee soon came to a better understanding of the proposal, which treats several complex intertwining issues regarding matters of professional accreditation and University procedures and criteria for faculty evaluation. The Committee offered suggestions on how its questions could be more successfully addressed, and the Chair (and Physical Therapy Director) readily agreed to resubmit the request via email prior to its discussion at the next PSC faculty meeting on April 10. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Block

