

Subject: Response to email of May 26 re proposed KSOM Governance Document
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Dear Peter,

Your email of May 26, 2011 (see below) outlines a process for the purpose of endorsing a new KSOM Governance Document which involves emailing ballots to faculty members of the School of Medicine next Monday, June 6.

Please find attached a letter from many basic science and clinical faculty, including Chairs, at the KSOM regarding this process.

Sincerely,
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"Dear Faculty Colleagues:

Faculty Councils have been established in all Schools at USC in order to ensure good communications among members of the faculty in each academic unit and between faculty and the administration of those units. As you may know, the Keck School has been without Faculty Council for about one year. This is not a sustainable position for the School to be in given accreditation requirements, the need for faculty representation in governance, and the need for representation in the Faculty Senate regarding issues of concern to our colleagues at the Medical School.

In June 2010, a Task Force was created by outgoing MFA President Dennis O'Leary. The Task Force, consisting of several past presidents of the MFA, was charged with updating the School's governance document, as the existing document is no longer relevant to current practice and activities within the School. In addition, the Task Force was charged with creating a slate of Keck faculty candidates to serve on a re-organized Medical Faculty Council to replace the old MFA.

At this time, on behalf of the Academic Senate and the Task Force, I encourage you to read the proposed Governance Document and provide feed back either in writing to fadean@usc.edu or at an upcoming Town Hall Meeting to be held on June 3, 2011 at 9am in the Keith Administration Building auditorium. On June 6, 2011, ballots will be emailed to all full time members of the Keck Faculty for the purpose of endorsing the new Governance Document. Faculty will print the ballots and submit to their department coordinators. Balloting will close on Monday June 13, 2011 at 5pm.

Keep in mind that the proposed School Governance Document will provide the mechanism to elect a new Faculty Council, and that the slate of candidates will be released once the Governance Document is endorsed. Afterwards, another vote will be taken to select the new Council members from this slate. It is anticipated that the new Council members will be seated in July, in time to participate in the Annual Retreat of the USC Faculty Senate in August 2011.

Best regards,

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