Faculty Development and Diversity Task Force Recommendations

PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

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Overview:

• Background and Process
• Recommendations
• Progress and Priorities
Background

- HMS and its affiliates have a long history of supporting faculty development and diversity (FDD)
- However, through strategic planning & self-study, it became evident that more could be done to help faculty members to advance professionally and to build a more inclusive and welcoming community
Process

- To address these needs, Dean Flier convened a task force in 2009
- Chaired by Dean Nancy Tarbell and comprised of over 60 faculty and staff from HMS and the affiliated community
- 3 subcommittees: Search/Applicant Pool Expansion, Mentoring, Culture/Community/Communications
- Charges: to define and prioritize FDD needs
Task Force

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Overarching Goals

• Help *all* faculty members to reach their full potential
• Ensure that our faculty members represent the broadest possible range of viewpoints & experiences
• Ensure that all faculty members have opportunities to feel part of a welcoming, inclusive and supportive community and to learn from each other
Dean’s Statement on Diversity

“Merely attracting more minority and women faculty to HMS will not be enough. HMS must continue its commitment to building programs and systems that will ensure equity and the steady advancement through the academic and professional ranks of the very best faculty and staff from all backgrounds. This can be achieved through mentoring, training and support programs, aggressive recruitment, an array of pipeline programs and the strategic management of career transitions.”
6 Priority Recommendations

- Create an **infrastructure** to implement and sustain FDD efforts
- Establish **programs** to help new & existing faculty advance their careers and feel more connected to the HMS community
- Improve **search practices** to help broaden recruitment efforts and create a more diverse faculty community
- Develop a **communications** outreach effort to promote the values, goals and programs of FDD at HMS
- Streamline faculty **promotions**
- Apply **metrics** to ensure effective implementation of recommendations
1. Create an infrastructure to implement and sustain FDD efforts

**PROGRESS:**

- FDD Advisory Board established
- Associate Dean for ACA hired to oversee implementation and integration of FDD initiatives
## FDD Advisory Board Members

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2. Establish programs to help faculty members advance & feel more connected

**PROGRESS:**

- New faculty orientation launched
- Development of mentoring resources, expanded mentoring council and recognition
- Development of defined expectations for instructors
2. Establish programs to help faculty members advance & feel more connected

**PRIORITIES:**

- Establish annual career conference best practices & expectations
3. Improve search practices to broaden recruitment & create a more diverse community

**PROGRESS:**

- Search specialist hired
- Search implementation task force recommendations forthcoming
- Post-doctoral, quad-based fellowships established
- Centralized DCP speaker database updated and utilized
- Diversity pipeline programs & visiting lectureships supported
3. Improve search practices to broaden recruitment & create a more diverse community

**PRIORITIES:**

- Improve documentation of searches at all levels
- Work with hospitals to identify local search specialists
- Implement forthcoming recommendations of search task force
4. Develop communications effort to promote FDD values, goals & programs

**PROGRESS:**

- Faculty Spotlight feature established in Harvard Medicine News to promote FDD
- ACA website updated to include FDD resources
4. Develop communications effort to promote FDD values, goals & programs

**PRIORITIES:**

- New comprehensive FDD website to centralize information and resources across HMS and affiliates is under development
5. Streamline faculty promotion process

**PROGRESS:**

- Senior promotions process successfully streamlined into a single, transparent and more efficient model
- Tracking process allows faculty to monitor the progress of their promotion process on a secure website
6. Apply metrics to ensure effective implementation of recommendations

**PROGRESS:**

- FDD progress reports/updates provided to FDD advisory committee
- Monitoring & reporting of faculty advancement metrics, including promotion rates of women and underrepresented minorities

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2011 Annual Report

Faculty Advancement

In academic year 2010-11, a record number of 614 faculty members were promoted to the ranks of assistant, associate and full professor, with the largest increase from the prior year (43%) occurring at the most senior rank resulting in 96 new full professors. Among the new senior faculty were the second and third African American women professors ever appointed at HMS. With 150 female professors, women now make up 16% of the senior faculty. Underrepresented minority faculty constitute 5% of all faculty and promotions to underrepresented faculty mirrored that proportion.
6. Apply metrics to ensure effective implementation of recommendations

**PROGRESS:**

- ARRA Pathways metrics for faculty advancement and retention
- Tracking of FDD presentations, evaluations, and communications
Progress to date, along with successful implementation of the remaining priorities, will serve to fulfill the task force’s ultimate goal of better positioning HMS/HSDM to:

• attract and retain the best faculty
• teach the next generation of clinicians, educators, and scientists
• lead innovative biomedical research
• reach out to local and distant communities
• provide exceptional care for patients
Summary and Questions

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