Minutes of the Board of Regents  
of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Meeting No. 169  
November 5, 2009

The Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences met on November 5, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, 100 Heron Boulevard, Cambridge, Maryland. The meeting date and agenda were published in the Federal Register and each Regent was duly notified prior to the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members listed below were in attendance:

Board Members

Ronald R. Blanck, D.O., Chair  
Otis W. Brawley, M.D., Member  
Haile T. Debas, M.D., Member  
Michael M.E. Johns, M.D., Member  
Charles C. Krulak, Member  
Lawrence S. Lewin, Member  
Kenneth P. Moritsugu, M.D., M.P.H., Member  
Charles L. Rice, M.D., President, USU  
VADM Adam M. Robinson, MC, USN, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy  

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Dr. Rice administered the Oath of Office to General Charles C. Krulak, USMC (Ret.) and Lawrence S. Lewin. These two new members were appointed to the Board of Regents by Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates in accordance with the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.

MATTERS OF GENERAL CONSENT

Following welcoming remarks, Dr. Blanck presented the matters of general consent listed below:

- Meeting dates for the coming year, and also noting
  - Commencement exercises on May 15, 2010
  - Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner from July 6-23, 2010
  - A Board site visit to the USU Simulation Center during the February meeting
- Minutes of the August 11, 2009, Board of Regents Meeting
- Electronic approval by the Board in October 2009 of the Distinguished Service Medal to Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson, Acting Surgeon General of the United States

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the Board

Voted by voice vote: To approve the matters of general consent as presented.
BOARD ACTIONS

Degree Granting – Graduate School of Nursing

Dr. Rice presented for certification one candidate to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Doctor of Nursing Science Program. This candidate has successfully completed all program requirements.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Voted by voice vote: To concur with the recommendation as presented by Dr. Rice and to recommend that the degree be awarded as stated.

Dr. Rice also presented the names of 24 graduate nursing students from the Nurse Anesthesia Program to receive the degree of Master of Science in Nursing upon successful completion of program requirements. This class is scheduled to complete its program in December 2009 and it is requested that the Dean, Graduate School of Nursing, be authorized to award these degrees.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Voted by voice vote: To concur with the recommendation as presented and to recommend that the degrees be conferred as stated.

Degree Granting – Graduate Education

Dr. Rice presented for certification five candidates to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Voted by voice vote: To concur with the recommendations as presented and to recommend that the degrees be conferred as stated.

Dr. Rice also presented two candidates to receive the degree of Master of Science.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Voted by voice vote: To concur with the recommendations as presented and to recommend that the degrees be conferred as stated.

Faculty Appointments and Promotions – Graduate School of Nursing

Dr. Rice presented the recommendations made by the Graduate School of Nursing Committee of Appointments, Promotion and Tenure at a meeting on August 24, 2009. Four individuals were recommended for faculty appointments, promotions or tenure.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Voted by voice vote: To approve the recommendations of the committee as presented by Dr. Rice and to recommend that the actions be implemented as stated.

Faculty Appointments and Promotions – School of Medicine

Dr. Rice presented the recommendations made by the School of Medicine Committee of Appointments, Promotion and Tenure at a meeting on September 22, 2009. Thirteen individuals
were recommended for faculty appointments or promotions. An additional appointment to the rank of professor with tenure was recommended by the School of Medicine Search Committee on October 16, 2009. This appointment was also presented by Dr. Rice.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Voted by voice vote:** To approve the recommendations of both committees as presented by Dr. Rice and to recommend that the actions be implemented as stated.

Dr. Rice presented two requests from the Dean, School of Medicine offering appointment to the rank of Distinguished Professor of Military Medicine to Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General, U.S. Army and to Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force. Both of these appointments are term limited.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Voted by voice vote:** To approve the requests as presented by Dr. Rice.

**Awards and Honors**

Dr. Rice presented three recommendations for awards:

- The USUHS Distinguished Service Medal for the Honorable Vinicio E. Madrigal
- The USUHS Distinguished Service Medal for the Honorable Lawrence C. Mohr, Jr.
- The USUHS Exceptional Service Medal for Lt Col Lesa Tilley, USAF, NC

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

**Voted by voice vote:** To approve the awards as presented by Dr. Rice.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Rice opened his report with a review of the faculty salary issue at USU. Following passage of the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act which raised the maximum salary allowed, work proceeded with the DoD Civilian Personnel Management Service to ensure salary comparability with other area medical schools. The authority to approve salaries rests with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and although the position is currently vacant, a nominee is currently awaiting Senate confirmation. Dr. Rice also said he was able to give faculty a substantial salary increase for the coming year given the availability of funds. Ensuing discussion included comparable data sources, tenure definitions and the high cost of recruiting basic scientists.

Other topics in the President’s Report included the following:

- An update concerning Building F, which will be designed as an education and research building and will contain approximately 80 laboratories of open design. Procedures defining the military construction process are completed, and funding may occur by 2015
- Issues to be considered if the university establishes a graduate school to manage the administrative processes of its graduate programs while leaving the academic content of each with the appropriate department. Dr. Rice has asked the Education Committee of the Faculty Senate to look at models developed by other universities and report back with findings
- A status report on accreditation issues concerning the proposed USU postgraduate dental program in San Antonio, Texas. It seems likely that the Middle States Association of
Colleges and Schools will consider the Texas location a “branch campus” of the university, negating the need for additional accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

- Current or impending searches include the Brigade Commander, USU and the Director, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute
- An overview of the groundbreaking study of suicide and mental health in the U.S. Army. This collaborative study between the Army and the National Institute of Mental Health is being carried out by a research team from USU, Harvard University, the University of Michigan and Columbia University. The project director and lead principal investigator of the study is Robert J. Ursano, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience and Chair, USU Department of Psychiatry.

PRESENTATION: FRIENDS OF USU
The Friends of the Uniformed Services University, Inc. is a non-profit organization which supports and promotes USU. Mrs. Alvarez, President, presented an overview of the organization and its activities. Her remarks included the following points:

- Promotion of the film Fighting for Life continues to be a primary focus of the organization
- A current objective involves strengthening USU’s alumni association
- The organization seeks to be of service to both the university and its administration

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Dr. Blanck adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

SUBMITTED:  

[Signature]
William T. Bester  
Acting Executive Secretary, Board of Regents

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Ronald R. Blanck  
Chair, Board of Regents

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