MINUTES (DRAFT)
CONSULTING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 5, 2009
2:15 p.m.

Present:
M. Aindow
A. De Blas
T. Van Hoof

I. Krisst, staff
S. Wetstone, staff

E. Passan, guest

The meeting was convened at 2:45 and the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Dr. Angel DeBlas was introduced as a new member of the Committee. He was informed about the scope of the Committee's activities and S. Wetstone agreed to forward to him copies of the formal position papers/recommendations that have been developed and approved by the Committee to date.

The only item on the agenda was the discussion of the possible exemption of part time faculty from the consulting policy. On its face, it appears that the legislation granting the "carve-out" applies to all faculty members regardless of their status and therefore any exceptions process would be contrary to the spirit of the "carve-out". However, in practice, it seems somewhat counter intuitive to require an individual who because of his/her expertise teaches one class at the University or devotes one clinic day to the UCHC and, nevertheless, is required to report all consulting to the University. The requirement to obtain permission to conduct one's true primary job or to reveal client lists may dissuade some part-time faculty from sharing their talents with the University.

Further, there does not seem to be any easy or clear line that defines what a part-time faculty member is. Even if such a line were established, some part-time faculty, such as clinicians, may wish to have the benefits of the carve-out (i.e. some of their consulting activities would be acceptable by the University but perhaps not so by the Office of State Ethics.) If such faculty didn't have the carve-out and were brought to the attention of the
OSE, the University may then have significant trouble recruiting part-time faculty in the future.

Finally, there was consensus that any further discussions of this issue would need to involve Rachel Rubin who was not present. Therefore the matter was tabled till the next meeting.

The next meeting date is February 19, 2009.

The Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: I. Krisst