LSUHSC SOM Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held Thursday, March 2, 2017

**Opening:** Call to order by President Winsauer at 4:03 p.m. in Conference Room #7 on the 6th floor of the Lion’s Eye Building.

**Present:** Callahan, K; Campeau, L; Delacroix, S; De Silva, T; Foster, T; Gardner, J; Greiffenstein, P; Guillory, S; Holman, S; Houser, M; Kamboj, S; Levitzky, M; Mooney, J; Neumann, D; Prasad, P; Sturtevant, J; Surcouf, J; Taylor, C; Winsauer, P

**Absent:** Crabtree, J; Happel, K; Hetzler, L; Kapusta, D; Lee, O; Mussell, J; Oge, L; Polite, F;

**Proxies:** Neumann, D for Lentz, J; Sturtevant, J for Kelly, B; Delacroix, S for Spieler, B; Mooney, J for Hunt, J.

1. **Approval of Minutes from the February meeting:** P. Winsauer called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved by delegates present.
2. **Reports:**
3. **Executive Committee -**
4. Dean Nelson discussed the reorganization of the Dean’s office, specifically with regard to the new curriculum positions that were advertised. The Dean’s office is soliciting applications for two co-directors of clinical sciences, and one co-director of basic science to help support Dr. English in curriculum development and implication.

* The solicitation included criteria that stated applicants must have a minimum of 5-years of experience in medical education
* Only internal candidates would be considered
* Ad set to close ~March 7

1. Some delegates asked how the positions for the clinical sciences co-directors differed.

* One position was thought to be a 50% appointment and the other was thought to be a 75% appointment in the Dean’s office.

1. OMERAD - Dean Nelson discussed the potential changes to OMERAD following Dr. Chauvin’s retirement.

* There is discussion as to whether OMERAD should be campus-wide, or medical school-centric.
* Two proposals for the reorganization of OMERAD have been put forth (one without the advice of the steering committee)
* Both proposals are costly, with much of the cost directed toward administration. This is a source of concern because many departments are in need of faculty.
* Several delegates suggested that we define what OMERAD is and what it does first, before considering proposals. This would help guide the restructuring, and hiring of key individuals that would be necessary to the success of OMERAD.
* Delegates suggested that the assembly invite Dr. Jay Mussell to discuss what OMERAD is at other institutions (for guidance).

1. Dr. DiCarlo’s transition into Associate Dean

* Dean Nelson stated that he is in favor of the development of a larger program for Faculty Development, but it remains unclear exactly what that faculty development piece will be.
* Delegates suggested we invite Dr. DiCarlo to the assembly for an update in the near future.

1. LCME

* Dean has hired a consultant (Ellen Wilkerson) who has been helping the LCME subcommittees prepare for the upcoming site visit.
* Almost all subcommittees have completed data collection and presentation.
* A mock site visit is scheduled for the summer of 2017.

1. Budget

* Dean Nelson stated that the mid-year cuts could end up as follows:
  + 1-2 million for LSUHSC
  + 3.6 million for UMC
  + 2.5 million for GME
* The Dean was most concerned about the cut to GME, which took a cut last year. These cuts are starting to affect contracts for services with the partners

1. Clinic on St. Charles - The lease for the St. Charles clinic is being renegotiated. Some sections are moving to UMOP and Seaton; therefore, services at St. Charles could be consolidated to several floors so that one whole floor can be closed.
2. UMC - Outpatient clinics will occupy the lower level of the garage (all office space). It is presumed that all primary care will occur there.
3. VA:

* Concerns were expressed over faculty moving from LSUHSC to the VA. The Dean reiterated that the LSUHSC-VA relationship is stronger than it’s ever been.
* 38 new residency slots have been created at the VA, which is a great thing for LSUHSC

1. Infrastructure and Construction - Faculty and staff are concerned with the construction around the LCRC and CSRB. There are safety concerns regarding the fencing of the LCRC, since people are forced to walk around it and on the street after dark to get to other buildings. Dr. Moerschbaecher is looking into ways to ensure after-hours security for all LSUHSC personnel.
2. Conafay Group - Dean Nelson hired a DC-based consulting firm that will pair funding opportunities with researcher expertise. The Dean hopes this will secure funding in key areas, such as health disparities, alcohol and drug abuse, cancer, and infectious disease.
3. **Administrative Council -** did not meet
4. **Senate Report -** LSUHSC Foundation gave a presentation similar to the one that was given in the SOM FA about the Tiger Health caucus.

1. **Old Business**
2. Coffee for a cause has been successful. Two events have been held, with 30-60 people at each. Several hundred dollars were raised at each event. All donations are being used to support LSUHSC families that were affected by the tornados in New Orleans East. The next coffee for a cause is being sponsored by the School of Nursing.
3. 4 senators met with the candidate for Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. That interaction was positive.
4. There was more discussion regarding salary compression and merit based raises. Delegates suggested merit based bonuses might be a temporary solution to alleviate the cost-of-living increases.
5. Delegates are discussing the best way to advertise the shuttle app and designate shuttle stops.
6. **New Business**

* Delegates raised concerns about the first floor of the CSRB not being accessible by card-swipe after hours.

**Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm

Minutes taken by Donna Neumann