LSUHSC SOM Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held Thursday, May 4, 2017

**Opening:** Call to order by President Winsauer at 4:02 p.m. in Conference Room #7 on the 6th floor of the Lion’s Eye Building.

**Present:** Winsauer, P; McGoey, R; Levitzky, M; De Silva, T; Crabtree, J; Taylor, C; Ali, Z; Campeau, L; Guillory, S; Kamboj, S; Delacroix, S; Sturtevant, J; Greiffenstein, P; Prasad, P; Hetzler, L (BR); Hunt, J; Happel, K; Houser, M;

**Absent:** Engel, L; Foster, T;Holman, S; Kapusta, D; Kelly, B; Lee, O; Oge, L (LAF); Polite, F; Surcouf, J

**Proxies:** Moore (proxy for Callahan); Crabtree (proxy for Neumann); Levitzky (proxy for Gardner); Delacroix (proxy for Spieler)

1. **Approval of Minutes from the April meeting:** Deferred
2. **Reports:**
3. **Executive Committee -**
4. Dean Nelson discussed budget issues: no set numbers as of yet. Cuts to higher education seem to be averted, but hospitals may be affected. Dr. Nelson is concerned about how the hospital funding will affect contracts with the SOM, but advises waiting until session is set before judgment.
5. Dean’s Office reorganization: Interviews for Director of Accreditation and Strategic Planning have been conducted. Both external and internal candidates were being considered; two candidates are anticipated to be invited for next round and may work in tandem (one senior, one less senior person). Additionally, advertisements have been put out for Assistant Dean for Student Research (3-4 weeks); one applicant to date.
6. LCME accreditation: Nov 13-15 is official visit; mock survey expected either October 8-10 or 15-17. Wayne State University team is expected to serve as mock survey visitors.
7. Curriculum Synthesis block: per Dr. Nelson, feedback has been very positive. Per Aesculapians, mostly positive feedback though some students do not feel attendance should be mandated. UME office attempted to provide a synthesis of content as well as review content that may have missed or incompletely presented during the year.
8. Conafay group: Consulting group from Washington, D.C. that works with NIH and Department of Defense, and attempts to link researchers with federal funding sources. Dr. Nelson felt meetings were very productive.
9. Dr. Slavin’s visit (Daniels Lectureship): ongoing talks about potential areas of collaboration to support wellness in the medical school. One item of consideration is perhaps changing to Pass-Fail grading in the first year. Delegates expressed concern about residency matching for our students, if such a change occurred.
10. UMOB: all of Psychiatry is on 7th floor; HCN offices have moved; Family Medicine/Allergy/Neurology are projected to move there soon. Plans for State Police to move in are on-hold, but will likely move forward.
11. UMC Burn Center: Interviews for Director are ongoing (three candidates).
12. Dr. Nelson continues to discuss raises, but there are no immediate plans at this time.
13. **Administrative Council -** did not meet
14. **Senate Report –** Proton Therapy Center will be at Canal and Galvez; construction will start in the fall.

1. **Old Business**
2. Coffee for a Cause continues to be successful. 43 people attended the most recent one, 20 of whom were first-time attendees. Door prizes were offered at the most recent one. >$800 has been raised so far; donations are being used to support LSUHSC families that were affected by either the flood in BR or the tornadoes in New Orleans East.
3. John Harmon (Vice-Chancellor for Administration and Finance) began this week.
4. Faculty Assembly Awards were announced at the General Faculty Meeting. The winners in each category were: Outstanding Mentor -Randy Roig, Outstanding Junior Faculty Member - Frank Lau, Outstanding Service to the Institution - John J. Hutchings, and Outstanding Service to the Community -Corey Hebert.
5. Self-nominations to serve as FA delegates continue to be received.
6. **New Business**
* Delegates discussed concerns raised by students about cultural sensitivity and implicit bias in the SOM. The Dean met with various groups of students to better understand the issues, and to hear their suggestions for addressing them. President Winsauer brought this issue to the attention of the Delegates so that they would be aware of the students concerns and so that they could also begin thinking about potential means of addressing these issues.

**Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm

Minutes taken by Zee Ali