



School of Medicine

School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

Minutes

Thursday, March 6, 2025

4:00pm-5:00pm

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: A. Abreo, S. Alahari, G. Athas, A. Augustus-Wallace, J. Calandria, J. Cameron, T. Castellano, Ian Hodgen (proxy for M. Cook), J. D'Souza, J. Gardner, M. Harrington, J. Hart, S. Holman, S. Kamboj, R. Kline, M. Korah-Sedgwick (proxy for E. Wisner), C. Leblanc, N. Loganantharaj, L. Marrero, E. McDonough, B. McGee, S. Primeaux (proxy for P. Prasad), M. Reinoso, T. Reske, J. Schoen, R. Siggins, L. Simon-Peter, A. Smith, L. Tanner-Sanders, C. Taylor

Absent: A. Bennett, J. Berthelot, M. Clement, L. Pelaez, V. Vaitaitis, R. Zambrano

Welcome and call to order at 4:01pm by President Gardner

Guest – Dr. Robin English, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education – Policies update. Reviewed “Policy on the Appropriate Treatment of Medical Students”. This policy is designed to compile the various other SOM that relate to the treatment/mistreatment of medical students. Specifically wanted to add content about protecting students from retaliation if they report mistreatment. Voted by Zoom poll: 26/26 (100%) in favor, 0/26 opposed.

Guest – Sharon Duffy, MLIS, Research Services Librarian & Instructor – Library Resources and Services for Researchers. (provided PPT/pdf with links to services) Serves as SOM liaison for the library. <https://www.lsuhschool.edu/library/> Discussed different services provided by the library, including systematic review service, in which the library can help with literature searches and selecting articles for reviews. Offers classes on library resources in the library, or can request the library staff speak to your group on a library related topic.

Link to library services: <https://www.lsuhschool.edu/library/services/default.aspx>

Link to systematic review service: <https://www.lsuhschool.edu/library/services/srs.aspx>

Link to Open-access journal agreements:

<https://www.lsuhschool.edu/library/databases/oapublish.aspx>

Link to Cabells: Journalytics Medicine & Predatory Reports:

<https://www.lsuhschool.edu/library/databases/cabells.aspx>

Link to StatPearls (for developing test/quiz questions, review content):

<https://www.lsuhschool.edu/library/databases/statpearls.aspx>

Approval of the January meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Dr. Cameron, Second by Dr. Kamboj, none opposed. (Meeting minutes are posted on SOM Faculty Assembly Webpage. https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty_assembly/FA%20Minutes%202-6-25_approved.pdf

Reports:

1. **Executive Committee** (Gardner) met 2/27/2025; MEB renovations are on track for March 2026. CALS to CSRB walkway will start Summer 2025. Parking lots are open and in use. ORS/IRB is searching for a new chair for each. No new reports on departmental restructuring. Negotiations are underway for Dept of Surgery Chair, interviews underway for Radiology chair. OB/GYN will likely assign an interim chair.
2. **Administrative Council** (Augustus-Wallace): Discussed Camp Tiger and had presentation on the history of Camp Tiger. Updates to Leadership: Dr. Cathy Hebert is Assistant Dean UME, Dr. Fern Tsien, named Interim Chair Genetics. Dr. Kurt Varner will be retiring as Department Chair of Pharmacology. Revised promotion guidelines will go into effect for the current promotion cycle.
https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty_affairs/promotions_and_tenure.aspx Dr. Taylor will be holding workshops. SOM Spring General Faculty Meeting is scheduled for April 16th.
3. **Faculty Senate** (Cameron) met 2/11/2025. Chancellor Nelson attended and discussed parking lots, potential changes to NIH indirect cuts (8-10% hit if it comes to fruition), however, LSUHSC-NO has money to cover shortfall. Actively working on complying with Board of Supervisors DEI policies. He is hopeful about merit raises. Discussed renovations to Dental School (\$80 million) and lack of staffing at IRB office. Senate also discussed HR Talent & Development team has a new program for onboarding new staff and faculty and will be changing the evaluation process. Deans have approved new faculty evaluation forms. Moodle contract with BR campus has been signed. They plan to provide webinars on how to contact them for help.

Old Business

- a. FA Awards (Dr. Simon-Peter) Received nominations for each category, will be sending out to Awards Committee for review. Will be announced at SOM Spring General Faculty Meeting.
- b. FA elections reminder (last year's email sent on 4/29 with nomination due 5/15).

Call for New Business

- a. State of ORS/IRB. Senate Executive Board called a meeting with Dr. Southerland, and other stake-holders to discuss the IRB. Office is severely understaffed (currently only 1 analyst). Legal counsel, Nadia de la Houssay, attendee meeting. There is a plan for IRB members to provide more input on status of protocols (exempt, expedited, full), will be appointing a new IRB Chair, should expect for IRB members to have an increase in workload. Long-term vision is for the IRB office to run more smoothly, be fully staffed and in compliance. FDA is happy with our plan for mitigating the issues. If your study has lapsed, then you must discontinue your research. Studies that have been inactive for years will be closed. For PIs, if you have studies that you can close, please do so. Please make sure that investigators/study team members have completed all of their compliances. For renewals, please submit 2-3 months in advance.
- b. Graphpad software site license: Dr. Alahari was contacted by Ken Boe (IT) to ask about site license.

Adjourn—Motion by Dr. Sanjay Kamboj, 5:14pm.