



## School of Medicine

### School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

#### Minutes

Thursday, April 3, 2025

4:00pm-5:00pm

Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: A. Bennett, M. Harrington, R. Kline, A. Smith

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

**Approval of the March meeting minutes.** Motion to approve by Dr. Athas, Second by Dr. Alahari, none opposed. (Meeting minutes are posted on SOM Faculty Assembly Webpage.

[https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty\\_assembly/FA%20Minutes%2003.06.25\\_approved.pdf](https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty_assembly/FA%20Minutes%2003.06.25_approved.pdf)

#### Reports:

1. **Executive Committee** (Gardner). Met with Dean DiCarlo, leadership changes in progress. Dr. Lisa Peacock (OB/GYN) is retiring, starting to form search committee. Dr. Chris Winters, VC Clinical Affairs, CEO LSU HealthCare Network, Chair of Dept Urology, is retiring. Dr. Kurt Varner, Chair of Dept of Pharmacology is retiring, waiting on basic science department restructuring before moving forward with new chair. Dr. Patricia Molina, Dept Chair Physiology, will be Senior Assoc Dean of Research. Dr. Molina will concentrate on core labs, restructuring dept/centers and the move back into MEB. Dr. Taylor's office has been working on new promotion guidelines and hiring some part-time for faculty development. Hiring Freeze issued by Governor, waiting to see how it will affect LSUHSC-NO. Construction updates-MEB on track for March 2026, will be new hire for "handyman" type of position. IRB updates: A new IRB Chair has been appointed.
2. **Administrative Council** (Augustus-Wallace); Spring General Faculty Meeting will be held 4/16/2025, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Lions Bldg. Dr. Taylor reviewed new promotion pathways and guidelines. [https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty\\_affairs/promotions\\_and\\_tenure.aspx](https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty_affairs/promotions_and_tenure.aspx) Academic Advancement Workshops are being offered in April. Drs. Brown and Lazurus discussed SOM Leadership Academy. Clinicians who participate in the program can get CME credit. This is a one-year program, with meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Applications are due May 2<sup>nd</sup>, selection announced May 16<sup>th</sup>. Department Chairs/Section Heads recommend faculty for this opportunity. Dr. DiSilva reported that 50% of students matched in-state (70% of those matched at LSU). Dr. Taylor has been updated to permanent Senior Associate Dean for Faculty & Institutional Affairs.
3. **Faculty Senate** (Cameron): SACS mock visit went well, loved our QEP plan, had questions regarding remote teaching sites. MEB construction will begin to affect traffic patterns around campus (April 11-May 2), with Bolivar & Perdido blocked by large crane. Ken Boe (IT) updated on Moodle contract, working with BR staff on getting credentials to get access to

our Moodle, so can advise us appropriately. Will hold Workshop soon to introduce how to access their support. Graphpad site license has been sent out for a bid, received quote, in negotiations. Faculty Handbook was posted on VCAA website, but final version has not been reviewed by Faculty Senate, yet. New PM-79, relates to free speech (written more for BR Campus). [https://www.lsu.edu/administration/policies/pmfiles/pm\\_79.pdf](https://www.lsu.edu/administration/policies/pmfiles/pm_79.pdf) Faculty Senate formed a sub-committee to discuss issues with faculty evaluation process.

### **Old Business**

- a. FA Awards: Awardees have been notified, awards will be presented at Gen Faculty Meeting
- b. FA elections reminder (last year's email sent on 4/29 with nomination due 5/15).
- c. Graphpad site license, ongoing, have received bid, working with Ken Boe

### **Call for New Business**

- a. Room reservation system. A lot of frustration about the timeliness of reservations being approved, and double-booking rooms
- b. PREP program (Physiology) has been terminated by NIH

**Adjourn**—Motion by Dr. Sanjay Kamboj, 4:46pm.