School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

Minutes

April 2, 2020

Zoom meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic

**Attendance:** J. Crabtree; D. Felipe; J. Gardner; J. Gidday; R. Gomez; J. Guidry; K. Happel; J. Hart; S. Holman; J. Hunt; S. Kamboj; P. Kozlowski; M. Levitzky; M. Nalijayan; S. Olister; G. Orangio; S. Primeaux; P. Prasad; D Rivera; J. Surcouf; L. Tanner; C. Taylor; P. Winsauer; C. Wu

**Proxy:**

**Absent:** S. Alahari; T. DeSilva; T. Goodchild; R. Gupta; M. Houser; E. James; D. Kapusta; D. LeBlanc; M. Moore; C. Roth; R. Zambrano

Zoom Meeting started: 4:03pm

1. Approval of the March meeting minutes (motion: M. Levitzky, second: J. Crabtree)
2. Reports:
	1. Executive Committee
		1. Faculty Assembly Awards
			1. Spoke with Dean and will send email to winners and general faculty announcement
		2. COVID-19 Discussion
			1. LCMC hospitals ICU beds are mostly full
			2. Mobilization of residents (surgery and anesthesiology are helping as ICU attendings). Dermatology fellows are helping put in orders in ED
			3. Faculty need to keep log of extra work that they are doing. They may be compensated in the future
			4. Shreveport is graduating students early on April 30; but LSU New Orleans will not. Commencement will not happen this year
			5. Getting extra funding for one year from Senate regarding NIH grant recipients as research has been disrupted
			6. Campus Assistance Program is available
		3. Construction has continued despite COVID-19
		4. Clinical trials
			1. For most part have been suspended
			2. Optimistic that after Easter can start back
	2. SOM Administrative Council (no meeting)
	3. Faculty Senate
		1. Last meeting at Dental School; main discussion was COVID-19
		2. Discussed panel on Diversity (consolidate what everyone is doing at various campuses)
		3. Unsure if there will be a meeting this upcoming Thursday
3. Old Business:
	1. COVID-19 updates
		1. Problem with number of ventilators; concern that number of critically ill patients will outnumber the number of ventilators in the state
		2. Clinically: Main concern is dizziness and shortness of breath
		3. Currently there is not a CAP on number of patients on services caring for COVID-19 patients
		4. Peak is expected April 10th through the 15th

b. Faculty Assembly Elections

1. Email reminder to those on Faculty Assembly who will be up for nomination will be sent this week
2. Will discuss whether election needs to be delayed due to COVID-19
3. Call for New Business: None

1. Adjourn
2. Meeting concluded: 4:17 pm (motion J. Crabtree; second P. Winsauer)