

School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

Agenda

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Attendance: S. Alahari, J. Cameron, J. Crabtree, A. Creel, D. Felipe, J. Gardner, J. Gidday, R. Gomez, J. Guidry, R. Gupta, K. Happel, J. Hart, S. Holman, M. Houser, J. Hunt, E. James, S. Kamboj, C. LeBlanc, M. Levitzky, N. Nair, P. Prasad, S. Primeaux, L. Reilly, S. Sarkar, L. Stuke, C. Taylor, A. Augustus-Wallace, E. Wisner, X. Yue

Proxy: Z. Ali (J. Guidry)

Absent: D. LeBlanc, S. Olistter, J. Surcouf, L. Tanner, C. Wu, R. Zambrano

Called to order: 4:00 pm

1. Approval of the September meeting minutes (motion M. Levitzky, second S. Kamboj)
2. Guest: Associate Dean for Research Wayne Backes
  - a. Tour of Office of Research Webpage - <https://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/research/>
    - i. Personnel
      1. Peter Winsauer – Assistant Dean for Basic Science Research
      2. Lucio Miele – Assistant Dean for Translational Research
      3. Jessica Riche – Dr. Backes’ Coordinator for The Office of Research
    - ii. New Programs and Initiatives
      1. Grant Review Service – internal review of extramural grants before submission to granting agency
      2. Grant Opportunities
        - a. Bioinformatics Pilot Projects – contact Chindo Hicks through website
        - b. LSU/LSUHSC Collaborative Grants – currently being revisited
        - c. LA CaTS Pilot Grants
        - d. Nutrition and Obesity Research Center Pilot Grants
        - e. Research Enhancement Program
          1. Bridge Grant - \$75,000/year for 2 years
          2. New Project Grant - \$75,000/year for 1 year
          3. Clinical Research Grants – exclusively for clinician scientists
          4. Laboratory Supplements - \$10,000/lab
          5. Resident Research Opportunity Grants - \$5,000/resident with matching funds from home department
        - f. Research Initiative
          1. 25% of salary savings from qualifying grants
          2. 25% of 18% of indirect costs
      - iii. Research Café Overview – which included personnel: Fern Tsien, Peter Winsauer, and Lucio Miele
      - iv. Mentoring Program for Junior Faculty – request for mentoring can be made through Office of Research Webpage
      - v. Questions:

1. Grant Review Service is designed to ideally match in-house faculty who can both evaluate content and grantmanship.
  2. Resident Grants have no deadlines for submission and administration strives to have a 3-week turn-around on decisions.
  3. The Research Café is open to all faculty but is generally designed for Junior Faculty, and faculty who are new to the LSUHSC system.
  4. The Faculty Interest Database and The Dean's Seminar Series is intended to bridge collaborations between basic science and clinical researchers.
  5. Mentoring Committees can be created for any faculty upon a request made through Dr. Backes' Office.
3. Drs. Primeaux and Prasad made the Faculty Assembly award to out-going president Sanjay Kamboj for his service as President from 2018-2019.
4. Reports
  - a. Executive Committee – no meeting held in October
  - b. SOM Administrative Council – meeting will be held next week
  - c. Faculty Senate
    - i. Alisha Edwards – new Registrar
      1. Been on-board for ~6 months
      2. Learning all of the different academic calendars
      3. Digital/on-line course catalog coming soon
      4. Stressed the importance of attendance rosters
    - ii. Three candidates for Vice Chancellor of Diversity and Inclusion to be interviewed on October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>. A Zoom meeting option will be available for their town-hall meetings.
    - iii. An Associate Vice Chancellor position has been created for the replacement (to-be-named) for the succession of Dr. Joe Moerschbaecher.
    - iv. Human Resources Interim Search
    - v. Board of Regents has approved funding for LSUHSC for software and on-line learning
    - vi. Construction Updates – Air Rights still have not been acquired for bridges between CSRB/MEB buildings, but all other projects are progressing; UMC parking deck, power station, 1<sup>st</sup> floor CSRB and MEB. Permission for new student housing has been granted, and construction of bridge to UMC has been approved
    - vii. School of Graduate Studies is preparing to expand help for stress management the CAP
5. Old Business
  - a. By-Laws Committee met and made several unanimous revisions. They are still awaiting clarification from Dr. DiCarlo as to the definition of Full-Time Faculty.
6. New Business
  - a. Dr. Allison Augustus Wallace asked that the Assembly consider forming a committee with the purpose of improving the University' ability to reach out and recruit under-represented post-docs, faculty and other scientists to LSUHSC.

- i. A committee will be formed through self-nomination. Assembly members can e-mail Allison directly to ensure they are part of it (awall1@lsuhsc.edu). To date, self-nominees include S. Kamboj, P. Prasad and N. Nair for Clinical Representatives, and S. Primeaux, J. Guidry, and A. Wallace for Basic Science Representatives.
  - ii. A motion was made (J. Guidry) and seconded (S. Primeaux) that Dr. Wallace be the chair of the committee.
- 7. Adjourn (motion S. Kamboj, second M. Levitzky) 4:55PM