

School of Medicine Faculty Assembly
Minutes
December 3rd, 2020

Attendance:

Alahari, Suresh; Augustus-Wallace, Allison; Cameron, Jennifer; Crabtree, Judy; Creel, Amy; Felipe, Dania; Gardner, Jason; Gidday, Jeffrey; Gomez, Ricardo; Guidry, Jessie; Happel, Kyle; Hart, Jennifer; Houser, Marcella; James, Ernest; Kamboj, Sanjay; LeBlanc, Colleen; Levitzky, Michael; Nair, Navya; Prasad, Pinki; Primeaux, Stefany; Reilly, Leslie; Sarkar, Shubho; Surcouf, Jeffrey; Taylor, Christopher; Wisner, Elizabeth; Yue, Xinpeng; Zambrano, Regina

Proxy: Ali, Zee (Guidry)

Absent:

Gupta, Raegan; Holman, Stacy; Hunt, John; LeBlanc, Dana; Olister, Staci; Stuke, Lance; Tanner, LaNasha; Wu, Chunlai

Called to order: (motion Kamboj, second Gomez) 4:00PM

1. Approval of the November meeting minutes (motion Kamboj, second Gomez)
2. Guest: Kenneth Boe – Department of Information Technology
 - a. Website – New Design, Content Management, and Governance was discussed
 - b. High Performance Computing is coming early 2021
 - c. Ransomware
 - d. Phishing
 1. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
 2. Cofense
 3. E-mail auto-forwarding
 - e. Mobile Management
 - f. IT Governance Audit and execution of recommendations
 - g. IT Strategy going forward
 - h. Questions
 1. Find Time as an alternate to Doodle
 2. MFA vs. Password Updates
 3. Cortana
 4. Turning Point
 5. Conversation Mode in Outlook
3. Reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – No Meeting
 - b. SOM Administrative Council – updates include:
 1. Dr. Hari Koul was named Interim Head of Biochemistry after Dr. Art Haas stepped down in November
 2. Back of CSRB was flooded on all floors during the Thanksgiving weekend. Flooring damage requires repair.
 3. Closure of Bolivar weekend of December 13th to put bridge caps on walkway from Nursing to MEB.

4. Closure of Lions walkway until late December- early January for electrical renovation project.
5. Additional demolition of 1st floor of MEB for 18 months starts December 5th.
6. No air conditioning from December 28th-31st in any building on campus. Heat will be unaffected.
7. Inked contract for bridge to UMC and Walk to Wellness, to be completed in 18 months, starting January 2021.
8. Medicine named Dr. Cynthia Brown as Director.
9. Psychiatric Chair to be named soon.
10. Anesthesia is in advanced stages of negotiations.
11. Electronic Annual Faculty Reviews coming soon.
12. Dr. McClain is Director of Admissions and Oversight Committee discussion.
13. All L1 and L2 lectures will be held via Zoom.
14. Medical School Scores have not suffered from distance-learning
15. Damages to Lake Charles Family residency.
16. Dr. Love and Miele spoke about Next-Gen Sequencing (Lumina) should be ready for January 4th; 3-day turn-around test.
17. Dr. Winsauer spoke about on-going reviews of departments in Medical School. Next up is MIP. Reviews are meant to be a positive thing, and have shifted focus to include mentorship. A similar review process is planned for clinical departments.
18. VA update; vaccinations of 500 people/day when COVID vaccine arrive and get approval.
19. Dr. Hollier is not sure if LSUHSC as a school will get any vaccines.
20. 6 interviewees have been selected for LCMC Cancer Director. Expected decision by June 2021.
21. LSU President Search is on-going, and Dr. Nelson is a part of the committee.
22. No information regarding budget cuts so far, and is dependent on a number of factors including a secondary COVID relief package and state sales tax.

c. Faculty Senate – updates include:

1. Hollier update on promotions
2. Pending Lawsuits
3. Hurricane Zeta response
4. CSRB Limited Access response
5. COVID testing – 1st floor Seton by appointment only

4. Old Business:

- a. Bylaws Committee Update – no meeting
- b. Historically-excluded Faculty and DEI Taskforce – updates include:
 1. Minutes will be distributed from November 9th
 2. Pipeline Development
 3. December 14th is next meeting

5. Call for New Business:
 - a. Faculty Assembly Awards
 1. Primeaux will continue to be in charge of the awards
 2. A committee will be chosen in January
 - b. Congratulations to Suresh Alahari being named 2020 AAAS Fellow

6. Adjourn (motion Kamboj, second Levitzky) 5:26PM