



## School of Medicine

### School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

#### Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2026

4:00pm-5:00pm

Zoom Meeting

**In Attendance (Assemblypersons):** A. Abreo, M.A. Ali, G. Athas, A. Augustus-Wallace, A. Bennett, J. Berthelot, J. Calandria, J. Cameron, M., Castellelano, T., Cook, J. Crabtree, J. D'Souza, L. Davis, J. Gardner, S. Garner, M. Harrington, J. Hart, M. Korah-Sedgwick, C. Leblanc, N. Loganantharaj, L. Marrero, L. McGee, J. Patrick, L. Pelaez, P. Prasad, S. Primeaux, T. Reske, J. Schoen, L. Simon Peter, Tanner-Sanders, A. Smith, C. Taylor, V. Vaitaitis, E. Wisner, R. Zambrano

**Absent:** S. Kamboj

**Proxy:** N/A

**Welcome and call to order at 4:00pm by President, Dr. Maria Reinoso**

**Guest Speaker: James (Kirk) Deslatte, Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Property & Facilities**

**Shared the following details:** **1)** April 1<sup>st</sup>, first colleague-group will begin to move into the MEB, 5<sup>th</sup> floor; funding for the MEB 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, the overall construction has been completed, furnishing to be completed; **2)** CALS-CSR Bridge: Tentative opening scheduled for the end of this summer; **3)** CALS Entrance (Perdido Street)-Completed & open again, patio work to include the addition of picnic tables; **4)** Dental School: Capital project/Renovations include improvements for laboratories and classroom space improvement, the Admin. Bldg. update include the library w/windows-expected completion-two plus years (approx. 26 months)

**Approval of February 2025 Minutes:** (Dr. Augustus-Wallace) President Reinoso called for approval, Moved by Dr. Bennett, with seconded by Dr. Cameron: **Vote:** None opposed. [Approval of Minutes](https://www.medschool.lsuhsoc.edu/faculty_assembly/FA%20Minutes%206-5-25%20final.pdf): Passed. Meeting minutes were/are posted on SOM Faculty Assembly Webpage. [https://www.medschool.lsuhsoc.edu/faculty\\_assembly/FA%20Minutes%206-5-25%20final.pdf](https://www.medschool.lsuhsoc.edu/faculty_assembly/FA%20Minutes%206-5-25%20final.pdf)

#### Reports:

**a. Executive Committee** (meeting w/Dr. DiCarlo): **No meeting; next meeting April 2026**

**b. Administrative Council** (Drs. Allyson Bennett/Jessica Patrick): **1)** Per Dr. English – LCME accreditation approved for 8 years; **2)** SOM Leadership: **a)** Ob/Gyn Chairperson named: Dr. Jaime Alleyn; **b)** Sr Assoc. Dean Interviews will begin in the next couple of weeks; **3)** Faculty Meeting w/Reception-May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5pm meeting; **4)** Promotions & Tenure – starting the CV review process, early April submissions, followed by reviews, results to be returned by May 4<sup>th</sup> with revisions aligned to the provided guidelines; **5)** Upcoming Events-Educational Scholarship (refer to the Fac. Development Website or email Dr. Amy Creel), monthly new faculty orientation via

zoom, to be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month; new teaching development series next fall-TBD; **6)** New Executive Coaching Program launched – Drs. Brown, Lazarus, and Moore – participation is open to Alum of the LSU Leadership Academy; **7)** Med Student Research – Firm Reminder-There are **NO** “Volunteer” arrangements for our medical students, students **MUST** register for the provided course elective; **8)** Board of Regents (**BOR**) – slated to approve the Basic Sciences Departmental Reorganization (on their agenda for early March).

**c. Faculty Senate** (Dr. Cameron): **1)** Two resolutions, including **Resolution 26.02**: Endorsing Transparency, Accountability, and Integrity in Leadership; **2)** Per Dr. Porche – FS Resolution 26.02 did reach President Rouse and Chancellor Dalton; their comments were that the resolution was “respectful, well written”, reportedly Drs. Russe and Dalton agreed with the FS Resolution. Hence, there will be a national search for the Senior Vice-Chancellor (**SVC**), therefore, Dr. Guzick will be able to apply for his current title; **3)** Dr. Guzick (SVC) made an appearance at the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 FS Meeting, where he shared that he wants “to listen, then develop his mission”. Also, he shared pleasant statements regarding Dr. Steve Nelson, and that he was surprised by the speed in the change of leadership.

#### **d. Committee reports**

The **SOM Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee** will present a fall semester professional development series and is requesting colleagues to moderate sessions & to suggest/provide topics.

#### **Old Business:**

- a. Finally able to email the SOM Faculty sharing both the Newsletter/bulletin from FA meetings.
- b. Faculty Assembly Awards: Dr. Liz Simon Peter– Requested nominations.

#### **New Business**

**Adjourn:** Request to Motion for meeting conclusion by Dr. Reinoso, Motion was first & seconded; and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.