

School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

Minutes

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Attendance: Alahari, Suresh; Ali, Zee; Cameron, Jennifer; Crabtree, Judy; Creel, Amy; Felipe, Dania; Gardner, Jason; Gidday, Jeffrey; Gomez, Ricardo; Guidry, Jessie; Gupta, Raegan; Happel, Kyle; Hart, Jennifer; Houser, Marcella; Kamboj, Sanjay; LeBlanc, Dana; Levitzky, Michael; Nair, Navya; Olistter, Staci; Prasad, Pinki; Primeaux, Stefany; Reilly, Leslie; Tanner, LaNasha; Taylor, Christopher; Wisner, Elizabeth Wu, Chunlai; Yue, Xinping; Zambrano, Regina

Proxy: Holman, S (Crabtree); Sarkar, S (Wisner); LeBlanc, C (Guidry)

Absent: Augustus-Wallace, Allison; Hunt, John; James, Ernest; Stuke, Lance; Surcouf, Jeffrey

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

1. Approval of the Previous Month's meeting minutes
2. Guest Speaker – Angela McLean, Associate Dean for Admissions, stopped by to give an update of Admission Policies/Procedures that bring the School closer to LCME recommendations. Specifically, the School will adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy for all faculty that serve in an Admission capacity. It is a letter of attestation that there are no conflicts-of-interest, and it will be required to be recertified annually.
3. Reports:
  - a. Executive Committee – No Meeting
  - b. SOM Administrative Council – No Meeting
  - c. Faculty Senate
    - i. Guest Speaker was James “Kirk” Deslatte from Facilities Services. He have updates on construction projects which includes:
      1. The continuation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor sitting area and lobby in the Lions Eye Center
      2. The Skywalk between the MEB-CSRБ has been approved and built, and is 1 year from completion
      3. MEB lobby renovations continue and are expected to be completed for Fall Semester 2021
      4. The Student Housing building has broken ground
      5. Demolition of the BSL3 lab in 1542 has begun
      6. The AC units on the top of the north side of CSRБ have been scheduled for replacement
    - ii. A Faculty Teaching Academy is planned which will help faculty develop better teaching methods, but this project is still on hold
    - iii. The LSU system President search in on-going, and they are seeking Faculty Senate involvement
    - iv. New Hires include:

1. Dr. Tim Fair, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, started mid-December
2. Dr. Ron Bailey is the new Head of The Department of Psychiatry and is scheduled to begin mid-Spring
3. Dr. Richard Pino is the new Head of Anesthesiology is scheduled to begin in Spring
4. Dr. Cynthia Brown is the new Chair for The Department of Internal Medicine, and again scheduled to begin in Spring
- v. Ear Funding has been established which is about \$30,000 available for distance learning; contact Dr. Joe Moerschbaecher regarding this opportunity
- vi. The new Pulse is out and full of information

4. Old Business:

- a. Bylaws Committee Update FA ratification of changes so DiCarlo can bring the changes to Administrative Council; all changes were approved unanimously by a vote of 25-0.
  - i. Faculty will be considered eligible with 75% effort in service to the Medical School; but not using “Full-Time” designation
  - ii. Verbiage for representation from other campuses was toned down to represent any location, rather than “must” represent other campuses
  - iii. The addition of Titles that are excluded from Faculty Assembly to include as many administrative positions as possible
  - iv. Other miscellaneous changes to Bylaws that were approved
- b. Historically-excluded Faculty and DEI Taskforce – no new business
- c. Faculty Assembly Awards
  - i. An e-mail will be sent out for nominations for Faculty Assembly Awards
  - ii. There are four award categories which include Outstanding Service to the Community, Outstanding Service to the Institution, Outstanding Mentor, and Outstanding Junior Faculty Member
  - iii. Committee will include Primeaux, Levitzky, Crabtree, Ali, Happle, and Prasad

5. Call for New Business:

- a. A vaccine discussion was initiated by Gidday. There are many unknowns, but a 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall is planned to update The Medical School on plans. Kamboj suggested using MyChart, or by calling either 504-464-8588 or 504-464-8506. No clear plans are available for distribution.

6. Adjourn: (motion Levitzky, second Kamboj) 4:52PM