

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

March 9, 2017

Present: Drs. Aaron, Ellis, Finley, Kim, Lerner, Levine, Meert, O'Leary, Puscheck, Rowley, Shisheva, Tancer, and Wozniak

Absent: Drs. Fridman, Sood, Thomas, and Vaishampayan

Also Present: Dr. V Delaney-Black, C. Brain, and J. Beaudette

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Meert at 3:01 p.m. She introduced and welcomed Dr. Tancer, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, as a new At-Large Member of the Executive Committee, replacing Dr. Badr, who has become Chair of Internal Medicine.

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2017: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as revised.

2. Personnel Actions:

The proposed appointment of David Kim, M.D. as Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology was approved.

The proposed appointment of Felipe Vadillo-Ortega, M.D., Ph.D. as Professor of OB/GYN (Research) was approved.

3. Report from Dean Jack Sobel:

a. Mock LCME visit: The Mock LCME visit went well. It was constructive in pointing out inadequacies and potential problems. The LCME visiting team will be here in six weeks for their review.

b. DMC: There has been a reshuffling in leadership at the DMC. There has been an improvement in relations, but it is not clear what the DMC seeks in the relationship of the DMC with the School of Medicine. To have an academic medical center, the DMC would have to reinvest money into academic departments. Once the LCME visit has occurred, active negotiations will resume.

c. Canadian students at the School of Medicine: Our Canadian medical students have been disadvantaged by the weak Canadian dollar. In order to lower the out-of-state tuition, which would include Canadian as well as U.S. students from other states, the School of Medicine is proposing to the Board of Governors to increase the percentage of out-of-state students at a lower tuition going forward. The School is also bringing in Canadian officials to discuss the possibility of their increasing the amount that Canadian students can borrow for their medical education.

d. Discussions with possible other academic medical center partners: These discussions have quieted down until the LCME review is complete.

e. Grant awards to the SOM faculty: These have been progressing well.

f. School of Medicine Curriculum: We must demonstrate to the LCME that our School is infusing into students a love of learning. With Continuous Quality Improvement, they will have a desire to continue to improve as lifetime learners, rather than just competent. There

will be many fewer large lecture hall lectures. In addition, we must not compromise acquisition of competence and content. Dr. Shisheva stated that we need to address delays in student assessment of faculty, as well as faculty assessment of students.

4. Old Business:

a. SOM Admissions Committee: Dr. Baker and Dr. Meert discussed the need for the Executive Committee, as elected representatives of the faculty, to elect a subset of the 80 Admission interviewers as members of the actual Admissions Committee. The Executive Committee proposed and elected Jeffrey Clark, Joseph Dunbar, and Melanie Hanna-Johnson as members of the SOM Admissions Committee.

b. Report of the Factors and Guidelines Subcommittee: Dr. Ellis reported that the Subcommittee had met and was in the process of revising the document and would submit the document for review by the Executive Committee after several more meetings.

5. Office of Faculty Affairs:

a. There was discussion about difficulties in securing willingness of tenured clinical faculty to stand for election to the Executive Committee. It was pointed out that this pool is shrinking, and it was proposed to consider the possibility of nominating Clinical Educator faculty to positions in the Executive Committee that have previously been reserved for tenured clinical faculty. The Executive Committee approved consideration of such a change.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Lerner, M.D., Secretary, Executive Committee of the SOM Faculty Senate