

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

January 14, 2016

Present: Drs. Aaron, Ellis, Finley, Fridman, Kim, Lerner, Meert, Rongkavilit, Rossi, Rowley, Welch, and Wozniak

Absent: Drs. O'Leary, Puscheck, Shisheva, Thomas, and Vaishampayan

Also Present: Dr. Delaney-Black, N. McIntyre, and C. Brain

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Meert at 3:07 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2016:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as revised.

3. Dean's Report:

UPG changes are occurring. The Dean is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, and the position of Chair is vacant. The Board is moving to bring UPG under greater alignment with the SOM. Lisa Keane has been appointed as Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs and UPG President and Chief Operating Officer. Drs. Kahn and Juzych have been functioning as UPG CEO and CMO temporarily while continuing as Chairs of their respective departments. Dr. Sobel expressed his appreciation for their great contributions during the interim period.

Rob Kohrman, currently the WSU Associate Vice President for Budget will transition over the next six months to Vice Dean for Fiscal Affairs.

WSU Human Resources has been realigned with a more experienced resource, Cheri Nowak.

The efforts to improve diversity among medical students has been progressing well into the Admissions process. President Wilson has moved forcefully to provide new money for student recruitment.

Vice Dean for Education, Dr. Baker, is moving forward on curricular reform, and Dr. Richlihn, who is very experienced in curricular development has joined our faculty in this effort to enhance our curriculum in the first two years.

The Dean needs to go to the WSU Board of Governors by the end of January to lay out our plan to turn around the SOM finances. The reversal of financial hemorrhage will be a principal effort in the coming weeks and months. Dr. Fridman pointed out that the basic science faculty have made a major contribution in the current increase in research funding, and he expressed a hope that increased support for the basic sciences will be forthcoming.

WSU Vice President for Health Sciences, David Hefner, is preparing to renegotiate aspects of the University contract with the DMC to achieve a stronger partnership.

A recruit for the Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery is coming for a third visit. The SOM has been engaging in a joint recruitment with the DMC for this restoration of Orthopaedic Surgery as a strong academic department. The recruit has an engineering background and our Bioengineering Department is an attraction.

Dr. Sobel reported his desire to rebuild the Department of Immunology and Microbiology and the planned development of a Microbiome Institute.

The SOM has been negotiating to bring Henry Ford faculty more closely into research and teaching of the SOM. Dr. Rossi pointed out that she and Dr. Gobel from Henry Ford jointly run the SOM Student Summer Research Fellowship Program. Applicants undergo a rigorous review process, and about one-third are funded. Each student receives \$3000, and the mentor receives \$1000. Dr. Sobel would like to provide an additional \$30,000 – 40,000 to a total of \$100,000. Dr. Rossi also reported that Henry Ford is interested to fund three to four students for a Master's degree in Medical Science Research, a program that she has been working to develop.

4. Personnel Appointments:

The proposed appointment of Laurie Richlihn, Ph.D. as Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences (Clinician-Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Kavitha Donthireddy, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Oncology (Clinician-Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Marjorie Golekoh, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Clinician-Educator) FTA was approved.

The proposed appointment of Thomas Suresh, M.D. as Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology was approved.

The proposed appointment of Arun Wakade, Ph.D. as Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology was approved.

5. Old Business:

Dr. Delaney-Black reported that Dr. Janisse and she had organized a celebration of the life and career of Joel Ager, Ph.D., who had been granted Emeritus status by the SOM. It will take place on January 21.

5. New Business:

a. SOM Curriculum Committee: Associate Dean Patrick Bridge reported that in response to the LCME Review, the Curriculum Committee was being reorganized, and he promised to send to the Executive Committee the revised Guiding Policies for its review and vote. Curricular reform will focus on Years 1 and 2. The LCME Secretariat will return for a Consultation Visit on March 9-10.

b. Candidates for upcoming election of members of various committees: Ms. McIntyre will send to EC members a list of the committees, their roles, and how many members are to be elected. She will also send us a complete list of SOM faculty for our consideration.

c. Dr. Delaney-Black raised for consideration whether the EC wishes to consider teaching activity at a prior institution in the roster of teaching grids for the previous three years. The EC voted to require teaching grids in the prior three years only activity carried out at WSU. Thus, teaching grids for only one or two years will be required from faculty who have been in the WSU faculty for less than three years.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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