

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

November 12, 2015

Present: Drs. Aaron, Ellis, Finley, Fridman, Lerner, Meert, Puscheck, Rossi, Rowley, Shisheva, Thomas, Welch, and Wozniak

Absent: Kim, Rongkavilit, O'Leary, and Vaishampayan

Also Present: Drs. Delaney-Black and Roth, N. McIntyre, C. Brain, and R. Cooper

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Meert at 3:03 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of October 8, 2015:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Personnel Appointments:

The proposed appointment of Alexander Vasin, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor of Neurology (Research Track) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Kevin Sprague, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, as Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery (Clinician-Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Michael Dominello, D.O. as Assistant Professor of Oncology (Clinician-Educator) FTA was approved.

The proposed appointment of Brent Griffith, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Radiology (Clinician-Educator) FTA was approved.

The proposed appointment of Athor Mikhail, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Clinician-Educator) FTA was approved.

The proposed appointment of Wael Taha, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Clinician-Educator) FTA was approved.

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

The proposed appointment of Hikmet Jamil, Ph.D. as Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences was approved.

The proposed appointment of Roy Sundick, Ph.D. as Professor Emeritus of Immunology and Microbiology was approved.

4. Sabbatical Leave Requests:

The request of Bernard Gonik, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for a sabbatical leave was approved.

The request of Jianjun Wang, Ph.D., Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for a sabbatical leave was approved, but he will be asked to explain the supervision of his R01 grant research while he will be away.

The request of Ashok Sarnaik, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, for a sabbatical leave was considered. It will be approved if a publisher for his proposed book is identified.

The request of Seetha Shankaran, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, for a sabbatical leave was approved.

The request of Paula Dore-Duffy, Ph.D., Professor of Neurology, for a sabbatical leave was considered. It will be approved if she provides letters of invitation from investigators with whom she would be working.

5. New Business:

a. WSU Distinguished Faculty Fellowship: The Executive Committee voted to recommend nomination of Donal O'Leary, Ph.D. for a WSU Distinguished Faculty Fellowship.

b. WSU Career Development Chairs: The Executive Committee voted to recommend Dr. Sreenivasa Chinni, Ph.D., Catheryn Bock, Ph.D., Leonard Lipovich, Ph.D., Karin List, Ph.D., Lobelia Samavati, M.D., and Kezhong Zhang, Ph.D. for nomination for a WSU Career Development Chair

c. Dr. Delaney-Black reported that the Provost does not want the SOM Faculty Senate Executive Committee to serve as both the SOM P&T Committee and the SOM Selective Salary Committee, since they are not in conformity with the WSU/AAUP-AFT Contract.

d. Dr. Delaney-Black announced that Linda Roth, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Faculty Development, will retire at the end of March, 2016. Dr. Roth explained that she might continue to work on special projects.

6. WSU Vice President for Research, Dr. Stephen Lanier

a. SOM research funding has increased significantly in 2015. This increase is very important and needs to be sustained. Generally, clinical award dollars are from the original grant budget, but at WSU the dollars are registered as they are expended. Dr. Lanier has decided to count them as in the awards. The research awards of affiliates should also be included when WSU faculty are awardees. KCI grants have not been included in WSU grant funding, so a new mechanism to track grant funding at KCI as part of the SOM will begin in October, 2016. This change will increase SOM clinical research funding. This relationship with KCI is a very positive step. Federal research awards of KCI have always been coming through WSU. The revised KCI agreement will have indirect costs going to WSU, but \$1M will revert to KCI for research development. The affiliation agreement is for five years.

b. Dr. Shisheva stated the fringe benefits had been increased by one-third by the University. Dr. Lanier will check on whether the old percentage for fringe benefits will continue on old grants.

b. Clinical Award Trials Agreement with the DMC: There will be an increase in the IRB service fee that is charged. For the Research Services Agreement resident and

student fees will be waived, NIH studies fees will be waived, and about 25% of Research Services fees will be reimbursed if they don't complete the review in time. He anticipates better coordination between Research Services and the IRB. The previous agreement with the DMC ended in 2013, and they haven't paid IRB fees since then. We will be negotiating the price of the IRB fees in the new agreement. It is expected that the DMC budget review will proceed in parallel with the IRB review.

c. Clinical Research: The Human Subjects Protection Program has received preliminary accreditation. The Indirect Cost Rate for company-sponsored studies is currently at 26%, KCI is at 30%, and a survey of 70 medical schools was also carried out. The University is going to request 32% for new trials.

d. Clinical Trial Organization: SPA does not negotiate budgets for clinical trials. Some investigators do not negotiate sufficiently forcefully. Jackie Parker is experienced in pushing sponsors in budgeting. Dr. Rossi suggested that a PAD seminar be developed on how to formulate and process clinical trials.

7. Faculty Senate President:

a. Dr. Meert reported that she is inviting Dr. Patrick Bridge to discuss the curricular changes that are being investigated by the Curriculum Committee. She reminded the EC that its principal role is to appoint members of the Curriculum Committee, but that the EC does not have veto power over proposed curriculum changes.

b. Dr. Meert reminded the EC about the upcoming SOM Faculty Senate Meeting that will take place from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Margherio Conference Center.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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