

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

November 10, 2016

Present: Drs. Aaron, Badr, Ellis, Finley, Fridman, Lerner, Levine, O'Leary, Puscheck, Rowley, Shisheva, and Wozniak

Absent: Kim, Meert, Sood, Thomas, and Vaishampayan

Also Present: Dr. V. Delaney-Black, N. McIntyre, and R. Cooper

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Finley at 3:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2016: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Personnel Actions:

The proposed appointment of Ahmad Eddine, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Clinical Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Yeon Mee Kim, Ph.D. as Professor of Pathology (Research Track) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Stephen Migdal, M.D. as Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine was approved.

The proposed appointment of Amy Delaroche, M.D. as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Clinical Educator) FTA was approved.

The proposed sabbatical leave request of Jeffrey Ram, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology, was approved.

3. Report of the Dean:

a. Dr. Sobel announced that National AAMC Convention was coming up in Seattle, and that one medical student from each class and all deans except Dr. Delaney-Black and himself would be in attendance. He also reported that WSU President Wilson would become the President of the Board of Directors of the AAMC, and that Dr. Herbert Smitherman would deliver a plenary lecture at the Convention on the remarkable turnaround in diversity of the incoming medical school class. .

b. Dr. Sobel discussed the revamping of the Admissions process. He commended the contributions of Dr. Kevin Sprague as Associate Dean for Admissions.

c. Dr. Sobel just had his first Town Hall Meeting with the medical students.

d. The LCME visit is coming up in the spring. Dr. Sobel has to protect funds for development of curriculum. Curricular changes are in the right direction. We need to educate the faculty on processes of teaching.

e. Basic Science Departments: Dr. Sobel announced that Dr. Phil Pellett has been appointed to a three-year contract as Chair of Immunology/Microbiology. Selection of a new tenure-

track Assistant Professor is in process. Biochemistry is unchanged, and other departments are continuing as before.

f. Budgetary matters: As of October 1, 2016, salary funding will no longer come from FMRE. The SOM budget now has a \$2M deficit, but he expects the SOM deficit to be eliminated by faculty departures. He expects that within two years there will be no deficit in the School of Medicine, UPG, or FMRE. FMRE will be composed solely of Dean's Tax money.

g. The recent National Election could have negative consequences for the School of Medicine. Obamacare had bolstered Medicare, but that could now disappear. Enhanced Payments were directed by President Obama to states for compensation of physicians for care of Medicaid patients, and that might decline or disappear.

h. Clinical research: Dr. Sobel reported that he has some money to invest in clinical research. He and Vice President for Research, Dr. Lanier, have asked Professor Phil Levy to develop a proposal for a consolidated program for clinical research.

i. Dr. Sobel is working on development of a Translational Neuroscience Institute as an investment in research.

5. Old Business:

A Subcommittee of the Executive Committee on Revision of Factors for Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure (Drs. Ellis, Lerner, Meert, Shisheva, and Wozniak) has been previously appointed, and it will convene to begin its deliberation.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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