

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

July 27, 2017

Present: Drs. Ackerman, Ang, Ellis, Finley, Granneman, Klein, Philip, Puscheck, Shekar, Sood, Tancer, Strickler, and Wozniak

Absent: Drs. Kim, Levine, O'Leary, and Rowley

Also Present: R. Cooper and J. Beaudette

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Finley at 3:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of July 13, 2017:

The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2017 were approved as submitted.

2. Personnel Actions:

The proposed appointment of Zeljka Menic, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor of the Department of Emergency Medicine (Research Educator, non-tenure track) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Christian Reynolds, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor of the Department of Emergency Medicine (Research Educator, non-tenure track) was approved.

3. Report from the Dean:

- a. LCME: Dr. Sobel summarized the final report from the LCME's limited (focused) survey of our School of Medicine this past March. The purpose of this visit was to assess the corrective actions taken to address 16 citations of non-compliance with LCME standards that were issued against our School following the full review of the curriculum in April 2015. Thanks to the Herculean efforts that brought about a dramatic curricular change in record time, our scores improved from "unsatisfactory" to "satisfactory plus" in 15 of the 16 cited areas, leaving only one aspect of curricular management (segment longitudinal evaluation) not yet fully up to the LCME standard. Dr. Sobel showed no indication that he was anything but genuinely pleased with the opinions expressed by the most recent LCME review panel, both in their written report and during the exit interview last March. Dr. Sobel will receive a formal notification about our accreditation status moving forward following the LCME Board Meeting in October.
- b. Finances: With the current year's financial review nearly complete, Dr. Sobel could already report balanced budgets in 2017 for all of the basic science departments and 12 of the 16 clinical departments. Although it was too early to provide an accurate estimate of the number of tenure lines that will be available,

Dr. Sobel expressed his optimism that the 2018 fiscal year will mark the era of renewed growth and vitality in our medical school.

- c. Community service: Dr. Sobel spoke about the Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service. This prestigious award is conferred annually by the AAMC to recognize a medical school or a teaching hospital for making social engagement and community service an important element of the academic mission. 2017 marked the second time in a row that our School was named as one of three finalists for the Spencer Foreman Award; after making it to the final round in 2014, this was the first opportunity we had to again enter the competition. While clearly disappointed to report that the 2017 Award was given to one of the other two finalists, Dr. Sobel used the occasion to express his pride and enthusiasm about the extraordinary time and effort our students devote to providing health-care related services and support to Detroit residents in need.
- d. Class of 2021: Of the 306 students that compose the Class of 2021, 295 are new matriculates and 11 are previously enrolled students who have returned to the program to repeat part/all of the Year 1 curriculum. In his report about the demographics of the entering Class of 2021, Dr. Sobel noted a significant rise in the admission of underrepresented minority students, pointed out that for the first time in School history, females comprise the majority (51%) of the student population, and reported that by decreasing the tuition charge to out of state students by \$10,000, the enrollment of non-Michigan residents rose from 28% to 40% in 2017.

4. Report from the President

- a. Dr. Finley reported that Dr. Misra has accepted the charge on the part of the Research Development Committee to compile a list of positive strategies that could be implemented in the School of Medicine to facilitate success among the basic science faculty in securing extramural research funds. This list will be forwarded to the Executive Committee (due date to be determined) for review and edited, as necessary, before being submitted to Dr. Sobel.

5. New Business

- a. Drs. Philip, Tancer, and Wozniak volunteered to establish a subcommittee tasked with coming up with ideas to bolster the research programs of the faculty on the Clinical Educator track.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Ackerman, Ph.D., Secretary, Executive Committee of the SOM Faculty Senate