

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

May 14, 2015

**Present:** Drs. Aaron, Ellis, Finley, Fridman, Kapatos, Lerner, Levine, Monsell, Rossi, Sheng, Shisheva, Thomas, and Welch

**Absent:** Drs. Heath, Meert, Uberti, and Vaishampayan

**Also Present:** Associate Dean Delaney-Black, Ms. Mary Uryga, and Dr. Roth

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sheng at 3:10 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of April 23, 2015:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### **3. President's Report:**

a. Dr. Sheng led a discussion about the agenda for the visit of Vice President for Research Stephen Lanier later in the EC meeting. Issues included infrastructure problems and serious resulting incidents, especially the ongoing failures in Scott Hall; lack of money in departments to support the research environment; available University funds for allocation to SOM investigators, such as bridge funding; decision-making authority at the SOM level; and the relationship of iBio to the SOM.

### **4. Personnel Appointments:**

The proposed appointment of Kevin theis, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor of Immunology/Microbiology on Tenure Track was tabled, pending a letter from Dr. Hasan about his ability to develop a program of research of the microbiome in the genital tract.

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

The proposed appointment of Paul Kilgore, M.D. as Adjunct Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences was approved.

### **5. Visit of the WSU Vice President for Research**

Dr. Lanier led off by stating that he would like to address challenges in Scott Hall and plans for iBio.

Dr. Lanier apologized that Mr. Jim Sears, who is in charge of buildings for WSU could not be present. He mentioned that he and Mr. Sears were scheduled to meet with CMMG the next day. Dr. Lanier stated that Mr. Sears still didn't know why the emergency generator in Scott Hall had failed. Water leaks are the other major problem in Scott Hall. Dr. Lanier found that he could not get into his own lab in Scott Hall, because the key did not work. Communication is poor with Public Safety. Also, there is no communication tree in the SOM. Drs. Stanton and Walz should be notified of a problem, and they should have an information tree for effective communication with investigators. There must be a plan for cleanup and restoration after electrical failures and water leaks. The burden should not rest solely on the investigator for such problems. The Scott Hall problems are high in the

priorities of President Wilson and Dr. Lanier. There is a plan to hire a consultant for \$65,000 to evaluate a shift from the quadrant arrangement within Scott Hall to something more feasible for remediation and reconstruction. There is a plan to bring CVRI in Elliman and Scott Hall closer together on the fourth floor of Scott Hall. A section of the fourth floor will be renovated for this. The pipes above and below that floor will be fixed as well. Dr. Fridman doubted that a patchwork approach to Scott Hall renovation would provide definitive relief. He asked why not close down Scott Hall research and move research faculty to iBio. Dr. Lanier replied that it would cost much more to replace than to fix up Scott Hall. It was agreed that a comprehensive plan is needed, and these plans need to be reviewed with Mr. Sears. Dr. Rossi recommended that other Scott Hall stakeholders besides researchers, such as those involved in education, should be brought into the discussion about the impact of problems and renovation. It was also suggested that there be a master key for all labs in Scott Hall to be available for times of emergency. Dr. Fridman suggested decentralization to authorize someone under Mr. Sears to be in charge of facilities at the SOM.

After a review of WSU research funding and expenditures, Dr. Lanier discussed iBio as a home base for new research initiatives, and he reviewed the layout of the construction. He is developing a business plan for iBio, and is carving out resources to recruit 30-40 faculty members with start-up packages of around \$700,000 per new faculty member. An advertisement would highlight iBio and the development in the city and a list of research areas with a translational thrust. An Overview Steering Committee would review all the applications with guidance from the SOM. Dr. Sheng asked how there would be co-ordination of recruitment and selection with departments. Dr. Lanier reassured her that tenure lines would continue to reside in departments. Dr. Fridman asked how existing faculty members who do excellent work in other areas might be included. Dr. Lanier replied that not all of the faculty members in iBio would be in the proposed Institute of Urban Health.

## **6. New Business:**

a. Dr. Delaney-Black reported that a tenure track faculty member in Dermatology and CMMG would be coming up for tenure. Since Dermatology has no P&T Committee, the Union suggested that the Executive Committee should choose three tenured faculty members from other departments to serve in the P&T Committee with three faculty members from CMMG for the review of this faculty member. The EC selected three members for this Committee.

b. Dr. Kapatos, the Chair of the SOM Budget Advisory Committee, reported on the Budget Meeting for the SOM that he attended on Main Campus.

## **7. Old Business:**

a. The School of Medicine Election Results for the Executive Committee were presented by Dr. Sheng:

Russell Finley - Vice-President/President Elect (4-year term)  
Stephen Lerner - Secretary (2-year term)  
Assia Shisheva - Treasurer (2-year term)  
Hyeong-Reh Kim - Tenured Basic Science Department Member-at-Large  
(3-year term)  
Elizabeth Puscheck - Tenured Clinical Department Member-at-Large  
(3-year term)

Clinician-Educator Members-at-Large (2-year term)

Cynthia Aaron

James Rowley

Ronald Thomas

Ulka Vaishampayan

Antoinette Wozniak

b. Dr. Finley reported that three of the EC Merit Review Subcommittees had completed their reviews, and the other two Subcommittees would complete their reviews soon.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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