

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** August 8, 2013

**Present:** Drs. Aaron, Afonso, Delaney-Black, Finley, Heath, Levine, Lerner, Monsell, Philip, Rossi, Sheng, Shisheva, Stemmler, Uberti, Vaishampayan, Welch

**Absent:** Dr. Bannon

**Also Present:** Dean Parisi and Ms. Mary Uryga

**1. Call to Order:**

Dr. Sheng called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes from the meeting of July 25, 2013 were approved.

**3. Dean's Report:**

Dean Parisi informed the Executive Committee that she has recruited an excellent Chair of Pediatrics, Dr. Lipschultz. He would join the faculty at the beginning of 2014. His wife, an excellent academic pediatric gastroenterologist, would join the faculty next summer.

Dean Parisi reported on her meeting with WSU President Roy Wilson.

They discussed clinical-translational science, and she described positive developments in the SOM. They discussed DCaTS, and she indicated that that department is not an ideal approach to the subject. President Wilson said that when he was Chancellor at the University of Colorado, he was active in the preparation of their CTSA application, which was successful. He had a great advisor in that activity and he would like to consult her here. President Wilson understands that it is important to pursue clinical-translational research here, and Dean Parisi felt that their discussion was very positive.

Dean Parisi discussed with President Wilson issues that keep her up at night. Most notably they are assuring financial stability of WSU and the SOM. She addressed annual large cuts in budget money from the University to the SOM, 18.9% in four years. She explained to President Wilson that we have kept tuition steady and, as a result, we have had to pay to the University the difference from the increases in tuition of the University. The financial problems of the SOM, which derive from problems of the University as well as local SOM problems, threaten our ability to grow the faculty, which is of course a serious problem.

Dean Parisi discussed our developing research collaboration with Henry Ford and our well integrated activities in medical education, and President Wilson was very pleased.

After President Wilson assimilates information about the University in his first 90 days, he expects to have developed his priorities and plans.

Dean Parisi also discussed with President Wilson various issues with the DMC. She feels there is progress with reconnecting WSU Orthopaedic Surgery and ENT with the DMC. In any arrangement, the SOM would have the overall control of academic aspects. The DMC has cooperated with the SOM in the joint search for the Pediatrics Chair, and it was conducted by SOM rules. They will likely be other joint searches. The DMC wants excellence to attract patients. There may be opportunities for

cooperation on joint recruitment in Neuroscience. The DMC understands that we cannot be exclusive with the DMC in our clinical activity.

Dean Parisi reminded us about her SOM Town Meeting planned for August 28.

Dean Parisi concluded by thanking the EC for its commitment to advise her on issues that trouble the SOM.

**4. President's Report:**

Dr. Sheng reported that Dr. Stemmler will be resigning from the SOM and transitioning to the College of Pharmacy in September. Therefore, the EC needs to appoint a SOM tenured basic science faculty member to finish out two years remaining in Dr. Stemmler's term.

Dr. Sheng brought up a suggestion that clinical members of the EC form a subcommittee to analyze problems in the clinical realm to report to Chairs and Deans. These issues might well not be financial but rather affecting morale adversely. This prompted a discussion of the existing EMR and its negative effects on patient care and productivity. It was stated that the EMR problems affect the ability to work for clinicians.

Dr. Sheng led a discussion of individuals who would be invited to appear before the EC: Dr. Phil Cunningham (OVPR for research compliance), Dr. Stan Terlecky (Associate Dean for Graduate Education), Dr. Omar Khan (Chair of Neurology), Dr. Maryjean Schenk (Vice Dean for Education) regarding the upcoming LCME review, and Dr. Hilary Ratner (WSU Vice President for Research) regarding how research is promoted.

Dr. Sheng reported that there is progress regarding the EC bank account. Signators' will be changed and the tax issues are also being addressed.

**5. Personnel Appointments:**

The following faculty appointments were approved:

Steven Lipschultz, M.D. Professor with Tenure, Chair of Pediatrics

Robert Dunne, M.D. Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine (Clinician-Educator)

John Gallien, M.D. Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine (Clinician-Educator)

Wihib Gebregeorgis, M.D. Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Clinician-Educator)

**6. New Business:**

The EC voted to authorize an invitation to Dr. Greg Kapatatos of CMMC/Pharmacology to join the EC as the replacement for Dr. Stemmler and to serve for the remainder of his term until July, 2015.

The plans for the upcoming SOM Promotion and Tenure Review Meeting were discussed. The possibility of splitting the meeting into two meetings was discussed. A survey will be carried out to assess availability of EC members on possible dates.

**7. Old Business:**

An update on the development of the Faculty Senate website was discussed.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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