

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 26, 2012

**Present:** Drs. Alangaden, Bannon, Gow, Hudson, Kamat, Khan, Lerner, Monsell, Philip, Rossi, Shah, Sheng, and Shisheva

**Absent:** Dr. Delaney-Black

**Also Present:** Dean Parisi, Vice Dean Sonnino, and Ms. Zirka Clark

**1. Call to Order:**

Dr. Lerner called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2012 were approved with minor edits.

**3. Dean's Report:**

- Dr. Parisi reported that Dr Omar Khan, MD will serve as the Interim Chair of Neurology. The Dean indicated she will begin searches for permanent chairs of Neurology and Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences.
- Dr. Parisi discussed the research incentive plan with Vice Dean Dr Stanton. The plan has been stalled for some time because of the expectation that it be standardized across all schools and colleges. The Dean is hoping to codify a plan for the SOM to resurrect the research incentive program and present it to the Provost.
- Dr. Parisi is waiting to hear from the government of the State of Michigan about funding for the new Multidisciplinary Biomedical Research Building. The decision should be made known in late March or early April.
- Dr. Parisi has negotiated with the DMC to forge a new WSU-DMC relationship that will expand academic cardiology at WSU.
- Dr. Parisi has been working with Dr. Bepler and Vanguard to build new opportunities in cancer research. Dr. Parisi is very supportive of Dr. Bepler's efforts to take advantage of these opportunities.
- In addition to the cardiovascular expansion at the DMC, Vanguard is looking toward establishing a Neuroscience institute. Discussions about opportunities in this area have occurred between WSUSOM and Vanguard.

**4. DCaTS and the MBRB:**

- Dr. Robert Sokol prepared a presentation regarding DCaTS or the Department of Clinical and Translation Sciences.
- DCaTS was established at WSU because of the emerging mandate from NIH to fund clinically relevant research. DCaTS was approved by the Board of Governors in March 2010 as a University-wide department. In addition to driving translational research, DCaTS is designed to promote team science with extensive basic and clinical crosstalk.
- DCaTS to date has been revenue neutral to the SOM. It is anticipated that this department will be revenue generating when it becomes functional.
- DCaTS priorities include continued support of clinical infrastructure, education in the MPH and graduate (MD/PhD) programs, and pilot projects in conjunction with HFHS and UofM involving approximately \$0.5 million/year.
- A total of 33 tenure lines have been committed, involving new general funds under the purview of the Provost. Academic areas include obesity, PTSD, and cardiovascular research.

**MBRB**

- The Mutidisciplinary Biomedical Research Building (MBRB) will be located on Woodward Avenue in Tech Town, equidistant from the WSU and HFHS campuses. The projected opening is fall 2014.
- The building will be an annex to an existing historical building (Dalglish Cadillac) owned by WSU. The affordability of this building is tightly linked to funds available to WSU and is critical to the development and expansion of WSU research.

5. **President's Report:**

- Dr. Lerner reminded the faculty there will be two town hall meetings for SOM faculty with the AAUP-AFT: February 1 and 16. Details will be forthcoming.
- The faculty review process was discussed.

6. **Personnel:**

Appointments: Ichinose, Tomomi, PhD, MD, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

Separations: Ethier, Stephen – Professor with Tenure

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Old Business:** Dr. Sonnino was asked to leave the meeting so that the EC could discuss recent events related to comments distributed to faculty by the AAUP-AFT President, Dr. Charlie Parrish.

9. **Adjournments:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.