MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

February 28, 2019

Present: Drs. Ackerman, Ang, Ellis, Finley, Kim, Mutchnick, Schwartz, Secord, and Soubani.

Absent: Drs. Fridman, Granneman, Klein, Levine, Philip, Rowley, Swerdlow, and Williams.

Also Present: Dr. Delaney, and R. Cooper.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Finley at 3:09 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2019.

The minutes from the meeting of February 14, 2019 were approved.

2. Personnel Actions:

The proposed appointment of Elizabeth May, M.D., Ph.D. as Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine (Clinician Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Bashar Mohamed, M.D. as Assistant Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine (Clinician Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Rene Elizondo, M.D. as Assistant Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine (Clinician Educator, FTA) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Marcus Zervos, M.D. as Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine (Clinical Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Sarah Tarbox-Berry, Ph.D. as Assistant Professor of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences (Research) was approved.

3. Report from the dean:

a. UPG bankruptcy: The LCME has expressed concern that the UPG bankruptcy announced November 7, 2018 could interfere with our ability to fulfill our commitment to medical students for clinical training over the next 4 years. Dr Sobel did his best to provide reassurance that our students would suffer no consequences in connection with the reorganization of UPG under the rules of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. He informed the EC that the time has come for UPG to present its plan for reorganization to the court next week, and that, in his opinion, UPG has put a solid plan together to consolidate the practice in Detroit and halt the loss of revenue that accompanied expansion to the suburbs.

b. HFHS: Since publishing the LOI on September 27th of 2018, negotiations have been in progress to work through different models of association and progress has been made. For example, a two-campus model, with WSU faculty remaining on our campus had received bilateral support. However, it recently became necessary to suspend talks in response to concerns voiced by two members of the University Board of Governors. The main issue was that certain points under consideration, such as plans to create unified departments with HFHS and WSU faculty, were viewed as threatening to the autonomy of the SOM. Dr. Sobel was pleased to report that the ensuing conversations were successful in regaining the
Board’s confidence that governance over the School of Medicine would remain unchanged in the event a partnership agreement is made with HFHS, and approval was granted to resume negotiations.

4. **Report from the president:**
   a. **P & T reviews of FTA and Voluntary Faculty:** The review of FTA and Voluntary Faculty will take place over the course of the next two meetings (March 14th and 28th). Dr. Finley will distribute a schedule that takes into account EC members who will miss one of the two meetings.

   b. **Amendment to Factors for Research Award:** Dr. Finley reported that Dr. Sobel signed off on the changes recommended to the factors used for the selection of faculty who receive Research Awards.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

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