

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

May 24, 2018

Present: Drs. Ang, Ackerman, Ellis, Finley, Granneman, Klein, Levine, O’Leary, Puscheck, Rowley, Shekar, Strickler, Swerdlow and Wozniak

Absent: Drs. Kim, Mutchnik and Sood

Also Present: Dr. Delaney-Black and R. Cooper.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Finley at 3:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of May 10, 2018:

The minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2018 were approved.

2. Personnel Actions:

The proposed appointment of Tinnakorn Chaworapongsa, M.D. as Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Clinician Educator) was approved.

The proposed appointment of Mona Elsayed, M.D. as Assistant Professor of the Department of Neurology (Clinician Educator) was approved.

3. Report from the President:

- a. Request from Academic Senate. Dr. Romano, Professor of Chemistry and President of the Academic Senate has requested the SOM Executive Committee to provide names of faculty who could serve on the Master Planning Committee of the University.
- b. Chairperson for the Research Development Committee. Dr. Finley requested the names of nominees to replace Dawn Misra, PhD as Chair of the RDC.

3. Report from the OFA

- a. Error correction to official document. Dr. Delaney-Black discovered an error in the version of the WSU P&T Procedures and Factors for Faculty that is currently linked to the Provost’s website for promotion and tenure procedures. The page in the document that defines the three tiers of academic titles (Assistant, Associate, Full Professor) for faculty who are medical doctors engaged in bedside teaching makes reference to “clinical” educators, rather than “clinician” educators. This document serves as the resource for people who write supporting letters for clinicians who are being considered for an academic position in the SOM, and for promotion to the next rank. A correction needs to be made such that all supporting documentation for clinical faculty uses the same terminology (clinician educator) that is written in the Letters of Offer from the University.

4. Report from the Dean:

- a. Closure of Wayne State University’s Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Oakwood hospital in Taylor, MI. Dr. Sobel provided the background to explain how the SOM came to have two PM&R departments, one associated with the DMC and the

other attached to Oakwood hospital in Taylor, MI, back in the early-mid 2000's. This move coincided with the departure of the SOM's Department of Orthopedics from the DMC, also to Oakwood hospital, which provided referrals to PM&R at that location. However, Beaumont Hospital eventually took over Oakwood, which drove out WSU Orthopedics and destroyed the residency program for the WSU PM&R department in Taylor. For this reason, Dr. Sobel requested closure of PM&R at the Taylor outpost, providing all WSU faculty the opportunity to transfer to the School's PM&R department in Detroit.

- b. University Pediatricians. Dr. Sobel reported that after 6 weeks of mediation, the judge assigned to the case abandoned the project, which has stalled all negotiations. Recently, Tenet CEO, Dr. John Tedesci, and Dr. Sobel have been working together to establish subgroups of people that move past the current impasse and resolve the issues with the Department of Pediatrics.
- c. DMC negotiations. Dr. Sobel shared his point of view about the recent press release that indicated the DMC was parting ways with Wayne State University. He attributed Tenet's rather abrupt decision to a growing uneasiness at the corporate headquarters in Dallas, TX about WSU aligning with and merging with another hospital system. Fortunately, the situation has since calmed down and negotiations between our SOM and the DMC are back on track.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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