MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

July 25, 2019

Present: Drs. Abrams, Ackerman, Ang, Conti, Fridman, Granneman, Kim, Messman, Pearson, Rowley, Schwartz, Secord, Shekhar, Soubani, and Zestos.

Absent: Drs. Levine and Williams.

Also Present: R. Cooper and N. McIntyre.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of July 11, 2019.

   The minutes from the meeting of July 11, 2019 were approved.

2. Personnel Actions:

   The proposed appointment of Seth Norrhom, PhD as Associate Professor of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience (Research Educator, Tenure (50%) Track) was approved.

   The proposed appointment of Christopher Kliethermes, MD as Assistant Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Clinician Educator) was approved.

   The proposed appointment of John Wallbillich, MD as Assistant Professor of the Department of Oncology (Clinician Educator) was approved.

   The proposed appointment of Humberto Gonzalez, MD as Assistant Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine (Clinician Educator, FTA) was approved.

   The proposed appointment of Dipenkumar Modi, MD as Assistant Professor of the Department of Oncology (Clinician Educator, FTA) was approved.

3. Report from the Dean:
   a. Sesquicentennial celebration. Dr. Sobel announced that the book, authored by Larry Stephenson, MD, Emeritus Professor of the Department of Surgery, to commemorate the 2018 sesquicentennial anniversary is now available for purchase.

   b. White Coat ceremony. Dr. Sobel announced that the White Coat ceremony welcoming the Class of 2023 would be held tomorrow, July 26th, at the Detroit Opera House for the first time. The Opera House seats 3000 people, and the venue change was to guarantee accommodation for the people who will be attendance to formally recognize the 300 newly matriculating students as physicians in training.

   c. Medical School curriculum – Dr. Sobel recommended the EC invite Richard Baker, MD, Vice Dean for Medical Education to discuss the evaluations that were completed by students in the Class of 2022 who just recently completed the inaugural run of the School’s curriculum, which has been revised in accordance with current climate in medical education.
d. Graduation Questionnaire – Dr. Sobel informed the EC that the School was in receipt of the results from the Graduation Questionnaire, administered by the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), that was completed by the Class of 2019. He further suggested that we request a copy of the report to see how the responses of our students compare nationally.

e. Medical School Applications. Dr. Sobel reported that the 300 students, who make up the Class of 2023, were selected from 10,000 applicants. He was very proud to convey that our School has witnessed a rapid and steep rise in the number of applications over the past 5 years.

f. SOM Leadership Search Committee – Dr. Sobel briefed the EC about progress that has been made in the University’s effort to recruit a Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine. A search committee of 18 faculty has been formed, which is chaired by Stephen Lanier, PhD, Vice President for Research at Wayne State University. This committee is scheduled to meet next week and continue their work in an effort to schedule 9-12 candidates for meetings, off-campus, in September. This would be followed by having identified 6-8 candidates by November, 2019, to interview with the aim of identifying the individual in December, or January 2020 at the latest. The job description at the University web site is 9 pages long and has been written to provide prospective candidates with a full accounting of all responsibilities that will accompany the position. President Wilson is currently working to put a package together that will be highly competitive in the current climate with 22 medical schools conducting a Dean search.

4. New Business:
   Dr. Rowley will extend invitations to Dr. Baker to attend an EC meeting to brief the committee about the new curriculum, and Dr. Charles Shanley, President and CEO of the Wayne State University Physician Group to talk about the emergence from bankruptcy and plans for the future.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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