MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

September 27, 2018

Present: Drs. Ackerman, Ang, Ellis, Finley, Fridman, Kim, Levine, Mutchnick, Philip, Rowley, Schwartz, Secord, Soubani, Swerdlow, Williams.

Absent: Dr. Klein.

Also Present: Dr. Delaney-Black, Nada McIntyre, Charlene Brain and R. Cooper.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Finley at 3:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2018:

Approval of the minutes from the meetings of September 13, June 14, June 28, July 26, and Aug 9, 2018 were postponed to a later meeting.

2. Personnel Actions:

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

The proposed appointment of Antoinette Wozniak, M.D. as Emeritus Professor of the Department of Oncology (Clinician Educator) was approved.

3. Report from the Dean:

a. DMC negotiations. Dr. Sobel reported that a five-year contract between the DMC and UPG was signed, which guarantees that WSU doctors will remain on the SOM campus to perform clinical and administrative functions. The contract provides much needed stability to UPG faculty amidst the on-going talks with Ford hospital that have caused many WSU clinical faculty to be uncertain about their future. Dr. Sobel is a participant in a joint operations committee with the DMC, which for the first time includes chairs of the clinical departments, to finalize the fiscal details.

b. Ford hospital. Dr. Sobel reported that a Letter of Intent signed by WSU and Ford hospital was imminent. The joint venture is seen as a viable avenue to elevate the SOM from merely surviving to thriving.

4. New Business:

a. P&T review process. Charlene Brain advised the members about how to access information on the One Drive. Important points to note included first, reviewers letters are to be uploaded to the candidate’s folder this year, second, letters need to be uploaded on week prior to the P & T meeting, hence, by October 19th, and third, reviewers must follow the new factors that were recently instituted for Clinical Educators, namely that excellence in two, instead of 3 areas is required.
b. Policy committee of academic senate. Dr. Kessel briefed the EC about topics of discussion at the policy committee of the academic senate. Student attrition continues to be a major problem for the university, and from weekly meetings with the Provost, Dr. Kessel has understood that the key concern is that the undergraduate population is way under-prepared for college.

c. Admissions Committee. The EC voted for 3 new members to join the SOM Admissions committee.

d. Review Factors and Guidelines for P&T. There was a brief discussion about how things like the ranking of external granting agencies and quality versus quantity of publications should be taken into account when reviewing a candidate’s materials.

e. The EC welcomed Ayman Soubani, MD, Professor (CE) Internal Medicine as the new Member at Large to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Rowley who is now the Vice President and President-elect.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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