

School of Medicine Faculty Assembly Minutes

7-6-2023 at 4 PM

Zoom

In attendance: Alahari, S; Scott H; Marrero L; Gajewski K; Zambrano R. Cameron J; Lochlann-McGee B; Simon L; Primeaux S; Siggins B; Gardner J; Prasad P; Simkin J; D’Souza J; Leblanc C; Abreo A; Smith A; Hart J. Pelaez L; Korah-Sedgwich M; Martin A; D’Souza J; Calandria J; Mathews E.; Athas G., Augustus-Wallace A; Morvant L; McDonough; Holman S; Castellano; Reinoso M;

Absent: Kamboj S; Wisner E; Crabtree J; Taylor C; Clement M; Farge A; Sanders L; Stuke L; Maness M; Tanner-Sanders L

Proxies: Suresh Alahari- proxy for Sanjay Kamboj, Andrew Abreo- proxy for Wisner E.; Jennifer Cameron - proxy for Clement M

Called to Order: 1602

Approval of September Minutes: (Motion: Scott H, second: Smith A)

Reports:

* Executive Committee:
  + Dr. DiCarlo met with the committee
  + For renovation: we have 75 million, that is an extra 10 million dollars (initially it was 65 million)
  + Demo will start later this month, end of July most likely, or early August
  + Freezer area has been set up for -80 degrees, can move freezers to that area
  + Can store some items there as well long term (for 2 years), 4th floor of LIONS
  + Centrifuges and liquid nitrogen can also be stored there
  + Cubicles for post doc and students on 3-6th floor of CSRB
  + Cals bldg. to CSRB walkway- another 2-3 years before that happens
  + Parking lot at CALS will be done soon, no timeline offered but they are making progress
  + Admin office from MEB to CALS moved
  + Medical school lectures will be held in 1542 Tulane bldg. until end of sept, then will be moved to 1st floor of LIONS bldg.
  + Gross anatomy will be in CALS bldg.
  + TBL’s- team based learning for med school in MEB 3rd floor for now
  + Hired a director for stimulation center, Dr. Peter Dubleau(?), there will be an email soon with more info on him and his background
  + 2 clinical co-directors for med students hired, another official email will come soon with their names and details
  + Department of Diversity and Inclusion moved today (7/6/23) as well
  + DiCarlo considering hiring a consultant to revise basic science department, no details at this time
    - Several questions about the consultant- who will it be? Do they understand grants, NIH, HHMI, etc.; other schools have not combined departments like they are potentially considering. Several concerns
    - Will they eliminate department structure?
    - Hasn’t been thought out, nothing concrete
  + Search committee for chancellor- he had no more info in detail; most likely Dr. Nelson will apply for the position; the search committee has had 1 meeting; not much movement at this time; the exec committee recommended including a basic science person on the search committee. There was a lack of faculty representation from basic science; A direct request via email was sent requesting at least one faculty member (or more) from basic science be on the search committee; awaiting to hear back, no follow up yet. If we don’t hear back, we will continue to pursue that to make sure basic science has representation on the committee
* SOM Administrative Council: no report
  + No July meeting
* Faculty Senate:
  + Primeaux, Stefany
  + June meeting- president elect was selected
  + Need to pick new senators next
  + PM-23- will send link to minutes with more details regarding below:
    - This is a policy on faculty rank and voting privileges
    - Post docs are considered faculty
    - Research and clinical faculty don’t have voting privileges on academic and policy measures
    - Only tenured faculty have voting on academic and policy measures as it sits
    - Motion by senate to approve a campus specific amendment (for LSU New Orleans SOM) to allow the academic rank of Instructors, Assistant/Associate/ Full Professors, who are either the research or clinical tracks (non-tenure/non-tenure track), to have voting privileges regarding institutional/school policies
      * all Faculty Senators supported this amendment
      * Faculty Assembly Motion to support the Faculty Senate’s Motion: 1st. Lochlann-Mcgee, 2nd Zambrano, vote- unanimous, approved; we will bring that motion to the Faculty Senate in support of this amendment
* Old Business:
* Elections
  + President-Elect- must be from basic science this round- Jason Gardner
  + Secretary- Hannah Scott
  + Administrative Council Representatives (One Clinical and One Basic Science)
  + Clinical- Laura Pelaez
  + Basic Science: Allison Augustus-Wallace
* Faculty Senate Representatives: Two from Basic Science and Four from Clinical Science; 3 years
  + 2 basic- Allison Augustus-Wallace, Jennifer Cameron
  + 4 clinical science- M Korah-Sedgwich; J Hart, Lochlann-Mcgee, M Reinoso

Call for New Business: None

Adjourn: Motion: 1640