**School of Medicine Faculty Assembly**

**Minutes**

**March 2, 2023**

Attendance: Hart J, Kamboj S, Reilly L, Nair N, Sarkar S, Wisner E, Farge A, Gajewski K, LeBlanc C, Martin A, Reinoso M, Scott H, Tanner L, Prasad P, Morvant A, Holman S, Abreo A, Clement M, D’Souza J, McDonough E, Castellano T, Augustus-Wallace A, Cameron J, Crabtree J, Taylor C, Primeaux S, Worthylake D, Alahari S, Siggins R, Gardner J, Simon Peter L

Absent: Ali Z, Creel A, Stuke L, Maness M, Mathews, Simkin J, Athas G

Called to Order: 1604

1. **Approval of February Minutes**: (Motion: Prasad, second: Gardner)
2. **Reports**:
   1. **Executive Committee**:
      1. Met with Dr. DiCarlo on 2/28.
      2. Construction Updates: Everyone has moved from 1542 into the CALS building. Currently, there are not computers yet. No one is in 1542. Trying to install AV on lower floor of this building. Also trying to finalize the Wellness Center which will open in April. Also working on parking lot to open in April. Simulation Center: Trying to recruit someone who has expertise in this to set it up.
      3. Wants to have general faculty meeting late in April or beginning of May in the CALS building. Possibly will have Faculty Assembly awards at that time.
      4. CSRB Move: All lab and office space has been assigned. Talk to your head of dept if you have not yet received your assignment. No final date for move yet. If minor modifications needed, facilities can do this for you. Demolition most likely will start in June.
      5. LCMC Purchase of Tulane: LSU will likely use UMC. Tulane hospitals will take 2 yrs to close at least. When they do close, most of these patients will come to UMC increasing demand for IM, Cardiology etc. Will ask to increase staff but may have some non-teaching staff for these. Unclear of details at the time. Working with CEO and CMO.
      6. Brian Lee will be stepping down in May. Interim dermatology chair will be named. Chief of Cardiology Frank Smart will continue as Chief as well as Associate Dean for Clinical Innovation and Investigation.
      7. Faculty evaluations: Will there be raises? Most likely these will be merit-based maybe up to 3%. Not exactly sure what the % will be.
   2. **SOM Administrative Council:** 
      1. Met 3/1. Dr. Taylor started the conversation:
         * Introduced Dr. Dedrick Moulton, the new Peds Dept head. Started 3/1.
         * New searches for co-director for clinical curriculum. 3 candidates. Interviews started today.
         * Faculty promotion workshops: 2 have happened and 2 more in the works.
         * Faculty evaluations due in HR on 3/15/23.
      2. Dr. McLean:
         * Admissions: Per AAMC, need to fill class by 3/15. LSU is officially full. Some people do drop out and change positions, especially MD/PhD candidates so anticipates having some openings in May. Currently still interviewing candidates to fill those spots if needed.
         * 3/31 will be opportunity for “second looks”.
      3. Dr. DeSilva:
         * Faculty Senate has drive to support World Central Kitchen for relief for Turkey and Syria. Link was sent by Leslie Capo. 50k people have died and many are displaced. There was a faculty member at LSU who lost family members in Turkey.
      4. Dr. Lazarus:
         * Camp Tiger auction tickets (3/10) going on now. Can access bids online or in-person.
         * Match Day 3/17 for all residencies.
         * Family Day is 4/1.
      5. Dr. Backes:
         * Gave updates on move. Bio safety cabinets will be moved by facilities. They will handle decontamination of bio safety cabinets. Any other equipment to be moved will be for PI. Boxes will be moved by movers but small items or equipment you wish to move yourself can be moved.
         * Office situation: All faculty and business managers have private offices. Shared offices for graduate students, post-docs, and some other administrative staff. Details depend on dept heads. Teaching faculty will have private offices in Lions building. Furniture in CSRB in place. If you don’t like it, it can be changed out if needed. Furniture from MEB can maybe be moved over. Lots of office furniture available in 1542 so let him know if you want something different.
      6. Dr. Nelson:
         * Chancellor Search to start for June/July goal. Nelson agreed to be interim for 2 yrs. Nelson may apply for this position or may return as Dean.
         * LSU Shreveport SOM on probation by LCME; no details regarding reason. New Dean and new Chancellor are there now.
         * Renovation of Dental School.
         * Early admission program for Xavier has been successful. Will do that with dental school as well to hopefully keep students in state.
         * Carjacking situation: There is a blind spot where carjacking occurred (by dorms). Putting in new security cameras to cover this area.
      7. New HR person coming from CHNOLA (Jill Fragoso) – Chief Human Resources Officer
      8. Re-accreditation: Will happen in 2 yrs.
   3. **Faculty Senate:** Meeting is on 3/14. This will be in-person in Chancellor’s Conference Room.
3. **Old Business:** 
   1. Faculty Assembly nomination awards deadline was last week:
      1. 6 nominations for institutional award
      2. 3 nominations for community service
      3. 7 nominations for junior faculty
      4. 1 nomination for DEI
      5. 6 nominations for outstanding mentor
      6. Gathering CVs to finalize packets. The committee will then review. We should be able to decide by late April or early May. Dr. DiCarlo would like this award ceremony to be in-person.
4. **Call for New Business:** 
   1. Question: Is Ochsner opening a medical school? Xavier/Ochsner may be opening a medical school but not in next 2 yrs.
5. **Adjourn:** Motion Kamboj: 1634