School of Medicine Faculty Assembly

Minutes

May 7, 2020

**Attendance:** S. Alahari; J. Crabtee; T. DeSilva; J. Gardner; J. Gidday; R. Gomez; J. Guidry; R. Gupta; K. Happel; J. Hart; S. Holman; S. Kamboj; P. Kozlowski; M. Levitzky; M. Naljayan; S. Primeaux; P. Prasad; J. Surcouf; L. Tanner; C. Taylor; P. Winsauer; C. Wu; R. Zambrano

**Absent:** D. Felipe; T. Goodchild; M. Houser; J. Hunt; E. James; D. LeBlanc; M. Moore; S. Olister; G. Orangio; D. Rivera; C. Roth

Meeting started: 4:05 pm

1. Approval of the April meeting minutes (motion J. Crabtree; approved P. Winsauer)
2. Reports:
   1. Executive Committee
      1. COVID-19 update
      2. Commencement
      3. Students returning to hospitals (date has not been determined)
         1. Participating via zoom
         2. Unsure of exact date when they would be able to return to hospital due to PPE availability
         3. Looking for important clinical vignettes
         4. Phasing students back to campus in the fall
      4. Hiring freeze
         1. 2 team at UMC ICU – just hired a new critical care doctor
         2. Internal medicine at UMC has improved their resident- patient ratio
            1. Sound Group – new non-academic team for ICU
            2. Emeritus Group – team for patients just awaiting placement
      5. CMO at Touro resigned and an interim CMO was named – Dr. Christopher Lege
      6. CHNOLA COVID updates
         1. Neonatal updates – mothers have COVID, but newborns have not
         2. Moms are recovering as well
         3. Touro is doing universal testing – 89% asymptomatic positives
         4. Have had small number of positive cases; 30 total thus far
      7. Pathology working on antibody testing
      8. Only 1 death within LSUHSC – employee worked for facilities
   2. SOM Administrative Council (P. Winsauer, K. Happel)
      1. Test everyone for COVID-19 before they bring on campus
      2. Site on campus; in the MEB under the CLIA license under pathology; plus antibody test (antigen testing at this)
      3. Financial aspect
         1. Department heads to identify revenue team for each faculty member
            1. Plan for 5-10% cut for each department; should not extend to salaries
         2. Concern about other schools outside of SOM
      4. Academic mission
         1. Robin English – unsure of how to resume clerkships currently due to PPE requirement and COVID-19
         2. Clerkships to resume (Tulane – June 1st; LSUHSC unsure)
         3. Disappointing about not being able to broadcast match (50% are staying in LA)
         4. Commencement online – awards and hooding virtually – May 13th at noon
         5. Canceling all away rotations due to concern about COVID-19
         6. ERAS and MSPE deadlines will be adjusted
         7. Step 1 and 2 are in chaos; NBME has cancelled some of the dates; it is at random; awaiting more information from NBME
      5. COVID-19
         1. Dr. Gordon Love discussed COVID-19 testing and we are currently doing 1000 tests a week (happening at UMC; Roche testing). Can easily scale the number of tests a week
         2. Genetics – Hyundai corporation – RT-pCR; 10,000 can be done weekly (will start in the next 2 weeks)
            1. Use to test our employees (students and employees)
      6. Health care network (Jane Weiss discussed)
         1. Number of visits are markedly decreased
         2. Do we need to have a pre-screening as we ramp up?
      7. Dr. Charles Hilton from GME
         1. Discussed residency programs – we are in pandemic level 3 (for month of April, residents were able to be more mobile and be utilized for COVID-19; grace period for numbers for surgical subspecialties) and hoping to ramp down to level 2 (decreased to Level 2 on May 1)
         2. Filled 229 out of 230 positions during Match 2020
         3. House Officers – opened 3rd ICU; had several house officers that were outside of ICU and did an amazing job (Med-Peds, surgery group and OMFS)
         4. Fellows also worked as residents to help out
         5. Raise 2.9% for residents and fellows
      8. VA
         1. Chief of Staff is resigning Dr. Ralph Shapiro
         2. Dr. Robin McGooey is chief academic officer for all UMC; if has any questions please contact Stacey Holman (brand new position, started about 1 year ago)
      9. 4000 applicants for medical school class; 400 interviews; 200-person class (170 have accepted)
      10. Dr. Wayne Backes
          1. COVID-19 research group (short term grant program put in place for COVID-19 research – setting up biorepository, etc. – deadline is May 20; 1-year grant)
   3. Faculty Senate (Updates as noted above)
3. Old Business:
   1. Faculty Assembly Nominations and Election pushed to May due to COVID-19
   2. Will be sending email seeking nominations this week
   3. Anticipate election to happen late May
4. Call for New Business:
   1. June meeting (zoom?)
   2. Traditionally don’t have a July meeting
5. Adjourn at (motion J. Crabtree; approved K. Happel) 4:48 pm