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School of Medicine

School of Medicine Faculty Assembly
Minutes
Thursday, April 2nd, 2026
4:00pm-5:00pm
Zoom Meeting

In Attendance (Assemblypersons): A. Abreo, M.A. Ali, G. Athas, A. Augustus-Wallace, A. Bennett, J. Berthelot, J. Calandria, J. Cameron, M., Castellelano, T., Cook, J. Crabtree, J. D'Souza, L. Davis, J. Gardner, S. Garner, M. Harrington, J. Hart, S. Kamboj, M. Korah-Sedgwick, C. Leblanc, N. Loganantharaj, L. Marrero, L. McGee, J. Patrick, L. Pelaez, P. Prasad, S. Primeaux, M. Reinoso, T. Reske, J. Schoen, L. Simon Peter, Tanner-Sanders, A. Smith, C. Taylor, V. Vaitaitis, A. Wolfe, E. Wisner, R. Zambrano

Absent: N/A

Proxy: N/A

Welcome and call to order at 4:00pm by President, Dr. Maria Reinoso

Guest Speakers: Guest Speaker #1: Dr. Amy Creel, Asst. Dean, SOM Faculty Affairs

Shared the following details: 1) P & T Guidelines Revisions**:** Primary changes-Addition of over Page & Table of Contents, with an overview of the Tracks & Pathways, including the inclusion of the **Instruction Track** w/subsequent revision of the other tracks and pathways; 2) Time in Academic Rank: Minimal times have been removed from the PM and the Faculty Handbook, therefore removed from the guidelines for alignment; **3)** Tenure Track Switches-Consult Dept. Chairperson/Center Head, Tenure upon initial appointment/hire remains with the President/Chancelor Approval; **4)** Packet content: **a)** Personal Statement; **b)** Educator Portfolio (four questions, no more than 2pgs with responses; **c)** Research Statement; **5)** Letters of Support and Timelines w/additional info: Available on the SOM Faculty Affairs Webpage.

Guest Speaker #2: Dr. Constans Exec. Director, Research Services, VCAA: His tenure began in January 2026; Provided clarification: Office of Research Services (ORS) includes-Pre-Award services, w/ COI, IRB, IACUC, Institutional Biosafety, and not post-awards nor animal care. **Goals (3)**: **1)** Compliance with Federal Guidelines; **2)** Efficiency in Research Management; **3)** Growing & Promoting Research Mission across the institutional Enterprise. Accreditation: IACUC w/Animal Care (AAALAP)-continuation approved; **4)** Developing policies and procedures for Human Research Protection Programs; **5)** Backlog has been relieved; **6)** 4 Analysts (new) hoping for a total of 6 analysts (there is support for 6, and therefore to hire two additional persons); **7)** IRB Office Hours-Tuesdays & Thursdays to provide guidance and answer questions regarding proposals; **8)** Kuali Advancement: **a)** submission types; **b)** post approval monitoring activities (for use by both Faculty and the Office of Sponsored Projects); **9)** Establishing a Clinical Trials Office, two sections, Business & Clinical Trials Coordinators with Clinical Trial Managers-in 6 months he would like to return to further discuss; **10)** Monthly Newsletter from this office.

Approval of February 2025 Minutes: (Dr. Augustus-Wallace) President Reinoso called for

approval; two corrections with spellings of names. Moved to be accepted with two corrections by Dr. Kamboj, with seconded by Dr. D'Souza: **Vote**: None opposed. *Approval of Minutes*: Passed. Meeting minutes were/are posted on SOM Faculty Assembly Webpage.
https://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/faculty_assembly/FA%20Minutes%206-5-25%20final.pdf

Reports:

a. Executive Committee (meeting w/Dr. DiCarlo**): 1)** BOS approved the Basic Science Dept. mergers; **2)** Candidates for Dr. Taylor have been interviewed, no decisions as of yet; **3**) Raises. unknown; **4)** Search for Senior Vice-Chancellor-TBA SACCAC proposal submitted; **5)** med. schools to remain separate; **6)** Construction of UMC-Tulane Walkway-funds must be sought; **7)** NCI Designation-remains top priority; **8)** MEB Space-Researchers and new recruits are moving into this new space; **9)** Match Day was successful; **10)** Participating in our SOM Pre-Matriculation Program (Conversation with the Dean Series).

b. Administrative Council (Drs. Allyson Bennett/Jessica Patrick): **1)** P & T: CV Reviews due by April 6th; **2**) Leadership Academy Applications-Due by May 8th; **3**) AI in Medicine Presentation: May 22nd ; **4**) Shared MEB office space: New researcher may deem this acceptable.

c. Faculty Senate (Dr. Cameron): 1**)** Dr. Guzick (SVC) was expected to make an appearance and did not; has not communicated with him since his appearance at the February 10th ; **2)** Standing Committee: **Faculty Evaluations** -working with HR to ensure efficiency and fairness for faculty; **3)** Elections of new officers-upcoming.

d. **Committee reports**

None

Old Business:

Faculty Assembly Awards: Dr. Liz Simon Peter– Sections completed and to be announced during the May 4th Faculty Meeting; consideration for FA Award Rules to be changed to nominate current FA members, especially our Junior Faculty Colleagues

New Business:

Host reception for Dr. Nelson; Private Meeting with Dr. DiCarlo regarding this topic: Motioned by Dr. Ali, seconded by Dr. Augustus-Wallace

Adjourn: Request to Motion for meeting conclusion by Dr. Reinoso, Motion was first & seconded; and passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.