

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting

July 08, 2022  
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Aviva Abosch, Vimla Band, Surinder Batra, Sam Bierner, Sheila Ellis, Howie Gendelman, Rebekah Gundry, Jeff Harrison, Dwight Jones, Joseph Khoury, Ron Krueger, Trek Langenhan, Kim Latacha, Travis McCumber, Matt Rizzo, Deb Romberger, Kari Simonsen, Carl Smith

Ad Hoc: Kelly Caverzagie, Howard Fox, Wendy Grant, Geoff Talmon, Chanda Are

MINUTES:

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Britigan at 7:31 AM
2. Announcements Bradley Britigan, MD

Dr. Britigan welcomed Dr. Gould to the Council. Dr. Gould was elected to fill the remaining term of Dr. Carmines following her retirement. Dr. Britigan then provided an update on the status of the searches for VCR, CON dean and COD dean. Dr. Gold hopes to have the VCR appointment completed in the next several weeks. The other two searches are in early stages. Dr. Britigan also informed the Council that following Dr. Lindsey's resignation, he is appointing Dr. Rebekah Gundry to serve as interim chair of the department of cellular and integrative physiology (CIP) as well as interim director of the UNMC Center for Cardiovascular Research. Dr. Matt Zimmerman will serve as interim Vice Chair of CIP. Dr. Britigan also noted the recent changes in UNMC COVID policies that were announced yesterday by Dr. Meza.
3. Standing Committees Kelly Caverzagie, MD

Dr. Caverzagie reported that the membership of the COM Standing Committees is nearing completion.
4. Dr. Caverzagie updated the group of the policies for student job shadowing and career exploitation.
5. Admissions and Student Affairs Wendy Grant, MD

Dr. Grant reported that the incoming medical school class looks to be finalized and they are preparing for new student orientation. The White Cat Ceremony will take place on the afternoon of August 19<sup>th</sup> and classes will start August 22<sup>nd</sup>. She also noted that the admissions process for the class of 2027 will be starting soon and under the leadership of new committee chairs.
6. A discussion of the upcoming match cycle related to second looks for students took place. The discussion focused on ways to identify and enhance the diversity of the applicant pool under consideration. This included a discussion of some departments financially supporting M4 rotations

for students who would enhance program diversity. There was interest in a more coordinated effort in this regard and Dr. Delair will follow-up with associate deans and chairs.

7. Dr. Talmon provided an update on the curriculum that took place several weeks ago.
8. Children's Kari Simonsen, MD  
Dr. Simonsen brought the search that will be beginning for a CHMC CNO to the attention of the Council.
9. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Shirley Delair, MD  
Dr. Delair updated the Council on several ongoing summer programs that will enhance diversity, equity and inclusion.
10. Educational Strategy & Learning Environment Kelly Caverzagie, MD  
Dr. Caverzagie provide an update on the planning for the COM regional campus in central Nebraska, where the focus is now on identifying potential faculty mentors and health system partners for clinical education.
11. Faculty Affairs Steve Lisco, MD  
Dr. Lisco indicated that the clinical executive committees are undergoing restructuring.
12. GME Update Chanda Are, MBBS  
Dr. Are reported that orientation for new residents and fellows has gone well.
13. Research Howard Fox, MD, PhD  
Dr. Fox updated the Council on the efforts to provide medical students with a list of potential research mentors. He also brought up the challenges of staffing occurring throughout the research activities of the COM as well as other roadblocks
14. Adjourn  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan  
Dean