

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting

December 9, 2022
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Vimla Band, Sheila Ellis, Charles Enke, Howie Gendelman, Karen Gould, Rebekah Gundry, Jeff Harrison, Dwight Jones, Joseph Khoury, Ron Krueger, Trek Langenhan, Kim Latacha, Steve Lisco, Howard Liu, Lyn Mack, Travis McCumber, Dave Mercer, Matt Rizzo, Deb Romberger, Kari Simonsen, Carl Smith

Ad Hoc: Chandra Are, Kelly Caverzagie, Shirley Delair, Mike McGlade, Geoff Talmon

MINUTES:

1. Welcome and Minutes (Dr Britigan)
 - a. Meeting called to order at 8:02 am
 - b. November 2022 minutes were approved without objection
2. Clinical Chairs Interest in Community Engagement / Underserved Care (Ada Wilson, Shanda Ross and Becky Jackson from Nebraska Medicine)
 - a. Ada Wilson provided an introduction to Community Engagement strategies at Nebraska Medicine and the Inclusion and Diversity Team, including strategic directions
 - b. Heart Ministry Center has an immediate need for primary care providers and inquiring what role Nebraska Medicine / UNMC might have in filling this need. They have a basic clinic infrastructure but not a functional EMR that would meet clinician expectations.
 - c. Dr. Are - what happens with individuals who need a higher level of care
 - d. Dr. Harrison - Sharing Clinic experience for 25 years shows the need to move the clinic to where the patients are at as opposed to having patients travel to campus
 - e. Dr. Simonsen - need to understand whether or not Heart Ministry Center provides care to pediatrics populations
 - f. Dr. Delair and Dr. Caverzagie voice concern about there being a volunteer clinic and better goal for us to have a formal presence that delivers care as opposed to a volunteer clinic
 - g. Dr. Langenhan stated concern that there is a current burden/stress on PCP's so increasing volunteer time may be difficult
 - h. Action items:
 - i. Connect HMC with North Omaha Area Health (NOAH) Clinic
 - ii. Ada, Tom Macy and Dr. Caverzagie will strategize next steps and follow-up at a future meeting
3. Announcements (Dr. Britigan)
 - a. College of Nursing and College of Dentistry Dean searches are moving along nicely
 - b. Chair of Physiology search committee moving along – search firm has been chosen

4. Admissions and Student Affairs (Dr. Britigan in lieu of Dr. Grant)
 - a. Interviews for incoming class are wrapping up and committee is going through the review process
 - b. Total applications similar to prior years – quality appears to be the same
 - c. Graduating students going through the Match process as we speak
5. Educational Strategy and Learning Environment (Dr. Caverzagie)
 - a. Dr. Caverzagie provided update regarding progress on UNMC-Kearney project
6. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Dr. Delair)
 - a. Dr. Delair provided highlights of current activities of DEI team including:
 - i. Presentation at national conferences is planned
 - ii. Advances with SHPEP program and other pathway program
 - iii. Working to enhance existing Phase 1 Intercession Days to address health equity
7. GME (Dr. Are)
 - a. Interview season for core residency programs going well
 - b. Fellowship interview season is over – some program did not fill but that is not uncommon
8. Research (provided by Dr. Britigan in lieu of Dr. Fox)
 - a. New NIH policy for data management for change in policy in NIH grants beginning with 1/25/22 submission will ensue – information will be on VCR website
9. Clinical Affairs / Nebraska Medicine (Dr. Lisco)
 - a. NM continues to be operating at a loss – primarily driven through contract labor costs and the delay in discharging patients. Trending in the right direction over the past few months.
 - b. Airborne virus-related (e.g., COVID, influenza, RSV) admissions are trending upwards quite significantly recently. Faculty encouraged to ensure they are immunized
10. Pediatrics/CSP/Children's Hospital (Dr. Simonsen)
 - a. Continue to be hit by airborne viruses as well and the stress is compounded by hospitals that once had pediatric capacity prior to COVID have not flexed beds back to caring for pediatric patients
 - b. Plans underway for building a pediatric behavioral health unit in Spring 2025 including inpatient beds, urgent care assessment and day programs. Also a focus on eating disorders.
 - c. New pediatrics clinic at 204th & West Maple – opportunity for students to round at that location. Also looking for a specialty clinic at 204th & Harrison is planned.
 - d. Second Children's urgent care is planned in Kearney for a time to be determined later.
11. COM Business Affairs (Mr. McGlade)
 - a. Will be working with administrators to implement announced work-from-home policies for non-faculty
12. Other items
 - a. Dr. Langenhan drew attention to recently released data regarding physician wellbeing at Nebraska Medicine. Trending in a positive direction but still an ongoing issue to monitor.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley Britigan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bradley Britigan
Dean