

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

July 12, 2024

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Aviva Abosch, Jennifer Adams, Sam Bierner, Shirley Delair, Matt DeVries, Chuck Enke, Howie Gendelman, Karen Gould, Rebekah Gundry, Jeff Harrison, Dwight Jones, Ron Krueger, Trek Langenhan, Kim Latacha, Steve Lisco, Howard Liu, Travis McCumber, Dave Mercer, Deb Romberger, Mo Shukry, Carl Smith, Mike Wadman

Ad Hoc: Howard Fox

1. Welcome (Dr. Britigan)  
Dr. Britigan welcomed all to the July meeting
2. Approval of May 10 and June 14, 2024 Minutes and Announcements  
Minutes were unanimously approved

Dr Britigan gave an update on searches and leadership transitions:

Numerous department chair searches going on.

Radiology and Anesthesiology running close to the same time-frame. The search firm will have the first group of candidates that were recommended by the search committees start zoom interviews in late July/early August.

OB/GYN search committee is together and has been charged, they are working on job descriptions and other things.

Dermatology search committee should be together or assembled by mid-July. Dr Wadman will chair this committee. Search firm will send out RFPs.

Dr Talmon has been leading the search for the Regional Assoc Dean position in Kearney. Initial round of interviews have been completed. Field has been narrowed to four candidates and 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interviews will be completed by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dr Caverzagie's position has been restructured. Presently some of his duties have been relegated to other Assoc Deans to oversee. The remaining and additional roles have been put together as the core of a new Associate Dean position, that will focus on issues related to faculty affairs. The call for ugeach of the applicants by the end of July.

The COM has a representative to the Nebraska Medical Association who attends their board meetings and serves as a conduit both to and from the MMA. Our representative will leave that position the end of July. Please share the email that went out yesterday regarding this position, if you have anyone who is interested in this position.

Dr Sheila Ellis will serve another term as Faculty Council co-chair

3. Old Business (e.g., follow-up's, updates)
4. New Business
  - a. Topics brought forward by General Faculty Leadership
  - b. Topics brought forward by Department Chair Leadership
  - c. Topics brought forward by COM Administration
5. Informational Items and Announcements (if needed)

- Admissions and Student Affairs Wendy Grant, MD  
 Dr. Grant was unavailable, but Dr Britigan let the council know that we have a class of 140 students, which was our target.  
 The wild card is there are 6-10 students who are still on the wait list at other institutions, which could lead to last minute departures.  
 Application process for next year's class is already in progress.
- Undergraduate Curriculum Geoff Talmon, MD  
 Dr Tallmon was unavailable; but, Dr Britigan passed along that they had a successful Curriculum Retreat a couple of weeks ago.
- Office of Inclusive Excellence and Community Engagement Shirley Delair, MD  
 Medical Pathways work is being done to get high school students engaged in health careers. They are including the teachers in enrichment activities to coach them and get them to promote academic successes of their students.  
 We also have the SHPP scholars, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant, where we have college students, mostly rising sophomores and juniors that spend six weeks with us where they get enrichment activities. We get about 40 pre-medical undergraduate scholars through this program. These students transition into our LEAP program to help them create a competitive application for medical school.  
 We are also preparing orientation activities for the medical students that are starting this fall. Also working with the incoming class on community engagement activities where students will be going out in small groups into the community in October. They will be learning about the different organizations that support the patients that we serve.
- GME Chanda Are, MBBS  
 not available, no report
- Research Howard Fox, MD, PhD  
 Rebooting their comparative effectiveness research program. Going to send an e-mail to all faculty to see who is doing comparative effectiveness research to get more of a group and support going. Will report more on this in the coming months.
- Clinical Affairs/Nebraska Medicine Steve Lisco, MD  
 Things are moving forward on the recruitment of a new vice-president for education. We currently have four applicants. Hoping to complete interviews by the end of August. We anticipate having the new VP in place by the end of the first quarter. The role remains inclusive of annual compliance training but will be focused more on longitudinal interdisciplinary education and strengthening the learning environment. Applications are still being accepted. Happy to discuss with anyone who is interested in the position.  
 From the standpoint of MGEC, the capital is moved forward. The scorecard has been approved by the NM board of directors and is public knowledge. Individual executive committees are working on creating their executive committee dashboards which should be completed by mid-August.
- Pediatric Affairs/CSP/Children's Hospital Kari Simonsen, MD  
 not available, no report
- COM Business Affairs Mike McGlade  
 not available, no report

## 6. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan  
 Dean, COM