

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 14, 2025

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Matt DeVries, Sheila Ellis, Enke, Karen Gould, Zahid Iqbal, Dwight Jones, Ron Krueger, Trek Langenhan, Kim Latacha, Lyn Mack, Dave Mercer, Kody Moffatt, Matt Rizzo, Kari Simonsen, Carl Smith, Nidhish Tiwari, Mike Wadman

Ad Hoc: Chandra Are, Shirley Delair, Nada Fadul, Wendy Grant, Mike McGlade, Rob Messbarger

Guest: Brian Anderson

1. Welcome (Dr. Britigan)
Dr. Britigan welcomed the group to the March Meeting

2. Giving Day Brian Anderson

For the Greater Good is the annual 24-hour day of giving to the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Nebraska Medicine to raise money for colleges, programs, patient care, student organizations, clinical research and much more. The giving day starts at noon on Wednesday, March 26, and continues through noon on Thursday, March 27.
This year, Nebraska Medicine and UNMC have a goal to receive 2,100 gifts during the 24-hour day of giving.

3. Approval of February 14, 2025 Minutes and Announcements
Minutes were unanimously approved

Dr Britigan announced that the three remaining chair searches continue to be ongoing
Dermatology candidates will arrive on campus for in person interviews starting in mid-April
Internal Medicine is about a month behind.

Faculty Senate sent out early this morning information related to anti DEI and anti tenure Bills that are in committee in the legislature. Those hearings are on Monday. There is an opportunity to comment ahead of time. It has to be done before Monday. Needs to be done as a personal opinion and not representing UNMC.

4. Old Business (e.g., follow-ups, updates)

5. New Business

a. Topics brought forward by General Faculty Leadership
Collaborative Environment an Engagement Committee Charter Karen Gould, PhD
Dr Gould summarized the proposed changes to the committee charter. Specifically, proposed changes included:

- New name for the committee
- Updated purpose and responsibilities of the committee
- Change in the titles of some committee members

- Clear processes for identifying the representatives from the staff and postdoctoral fellows
Changes to the charter were unanimously approved

- b. Topics brought forward by Department Chair Leadership
- c. Topics brought forward by COM Administration

6. Informational Items and Announcements (if needed)

- Admissions and Student Affairs Wendy Grant, MD
- Undergraduate Curriculum Geoff Talmon, MD
Not in attendance
Dr Britigan reminded the council that if any of their faculty have folks who are interested in one of the two Block Co-Director positions (one for Endocrine and one for Nephrology), Dr Talmon is looking for candidates.
- Office of Inclusive Excellence and Community Engagement Shirley Delair, MD
Dr Delair provided an update on the successful teacher professional development program they hosted in collaboration with Omaha Public Schools and the University of Nebraska Omaha's Department of Education. 22 high school science teachers were welcomed to campus for a dynamic experience designed to help them better inspire students to pursue careers in STEM-M fields. The program included practical exercises and a powerful panel discussion featuring medical students, MD/PhD candidates, and PhD students who shared how support—or lack thereof—from their own high school teachers influenced their confidence, career choices and trajectories.

She also shared an update on the College of Medicine's ongoing work to develop learning communities for our medical students in partnership with a diverse group of medical students representing all 4 years of the college.

Finally, she talked about how they gave some didactic during the acute care block sessions.
- GME
Chandra Are, MBBS
 1. Immigration updates for house officers
Provided updates on new and evolving travel restrictions for house officers. To avoid any unnecessary overseas travel for now and to check with International Office at UNMC prior to any overseas travel
 2. Non-US trained physicians working in the US
Provided status on pathway for foreign physicians to work in the US without any training in the US. Several bodies such as ACGME, FSMB and Intealth have formed an Advisory Committee to explore these alternative licensing pathways.
- Kearney Robert Messbarger, MD
Update for Kearney campus:
 1. Current status of student outreach to educate on the opportunities of attending the Kearney campus. Have visited with KHOP and RHOP in Wayne. Arranging Chadron RHOP, UNL, Wesleyan and Hastings. The focus is on Juniors applying this fall.
 2. Hiring staff for Kearney campus. Currently in 2nd round of interviews for Executive Director.
 3. Community outreach with Dr. Davies team. Visited hospitals in Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings and North Platte. Will be visiting Norfolk and Columbus in 2 weeks. Focus is on

recruiting preceptors for medical students and listening to the communities needs regarding resident training opportunities.

4. Currently visiting with all of the clerkship teams for phase II requirements and how that will be met with a Greater Nebraska track.

- Faculty Affairs Nada Fadul, MBBS
Dr Fadul updated the group about Dr. Haney joining and their office's plan to launch the Onboarding program for early career faculty. She also shared that they are working on the faculty workload policy and will be sharing it at the next faculty council meeting.
- Research Howard Fox, MD, PhD
Not in attendance
- Clinical Affairs/Nebraska Medicine Steve Lisco, MD
Not in attendance
- Pediatric Affairs/CSP/Children's Hospital Kari Simonsen, MD
Russ Buzalko, PhD who serves as volunteer faculty in the Dept of Peds was awarded the Excellence in Educational Service award at the Impact in Education Awards IAE ceremony last week. He has also recently announced his upcoming retirement. Many of our educational programs (UME and GME) utilize him as a key connection point to their rotations held at Children's Nebraska, so Russ' retirement will create a change in that liaison role for educational programs. We wish him well in his retirement!
- COM Business Affairs Mike McGlade
No Update

7. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan
Dean, COM