

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 13, 2025

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Jennifer Adams, Vimla Band, Sheila Ellis, Surinder Batra, Matt DeVries, Charles Enke, Howard Gendelman, Karen Gould, Jeff Harrison, Dwight Jones, Zahid Iqbal, Joe Khoury, Kim Latacha, Travis McCumber, Kody Moffatt, Andrew Patterson, Matt Rizzo, Kari Simonsen, William Thorell

Ad Hoc: Chandra Are, Shirley Delair, Nada Fadul, Howard Fox, Mike McGlade, Robert Messbarger, Geoff Talmon

1. Welcome and announcements (Dr. Britigan)

Dr. Britigan noted that the searches for the next chairs of dermatology and internal medicine are continuing to progress as planned. In addition, Dr. Abosch has announced her plans to step down from her role as chair of neurosurgery. Dr. Billy Thorell will assume the role of department chair at that time.

He also indicated that we are still looking at a decrease in state fund allocation to UNMC but a likely increase in tuition as well. A salary freeze for UNMC employees is expected. This as well as final budget recommendations are expected at the next Board of Regents meeting scheduled for July 1.

2. Approval of May 9, 2025 Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved

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

4. New Business

- a. Topics brought forward by General Faculty Leadership
- b. Topics brought forward by Department Chair Leadership - None
- c. Topics brought forward by COM Administration - None

5. Informational Items and Announcements (if needed)

- Admissions and Student Affairs Wendy Grant, MD
- Undergraduate Curriculum Geoff Talmon, MD
- Office of Strategic Initiatives Shirley Delair, MD
Unavailable, no presentation
- GME Chandra Are, MBBS
- Kearney Robert Messbarger, MD
Dr Messbarger provided a brief update on recent hires to their administrative team for the Kearney campus.

- Executive Director is Dr. Andrew Priest, start date will be mid August.
- Assistant Dean is Dr. Angie Kratochvil, Pediatrician in Kearney. Start date TBD.
- COM Anatomist is Dr. Heritage, starting in July I believe.

The team is coming together:

- Faculty Affairs Nada Fadul, MBBS
Dr Fadul presented the promotion and tenure revisions to the clinical faculty pathway. She received feedback from faculty council members and will incorporate that feedback in the revisions which will be sent to them for review with the goal of presenting this at the next faculty council meeting for approval.
- Research Howard Fox, MD, PhD
- Clinical Affairs/Nebraska Medicine Steve Lisco, MD
Unavailable, no presentation
- Pediatric Affairs/CSP/Children's Hospital Kari Simonsen, MD
Unavailable, no presentation
- COM Business Affairs Mike McGlade
Mike presented the new standing committee members and standing committee members seeking a second term. There is still a TBA on the Curriculum Committee – that name will be forwarded for approval separately.

Shelia Ellis was nominated to serve as Vice Chair of Faculty Council again this year and that motion was approved by Dr Mercer and seconded by Dr Harrison. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

6. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan
Dean, COM