

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 10, 2025
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Bradley Britigan, Jennifer Adams, Vimla Band, Surinder Batra, Sam Bierner, Sheila Ellis, Charles Enke, Karen Gould, Rebekah Gundry, Jeffrey Harrison, Dwight Jones, Beau Konigsberg, Ron Krueger, Kim Latacha, Ryan Lee, Howard Liu, Travis McCumber, David Mercer, Sarosh Rana, Matt Rizzo, Mark Rupp, Kari Simonsen, William Thorell, Mike Wadman, Zahid Iqbal

Ad Hoc: Chandra Are, Shirley Delair, Nada Fadul, Wendy Grant, Robert Messbarger,

1. Welcome and announcements (Dr. Britigan)

Dr Britigan welcomed everyone to the October Faculty Council Meeting
Nothing new on Internal Medicine search just yet. Working through the group of the final three candidates. Hopefully, will be able to move forward very soon.
BOR approved next phase in the funding of Project Health.

2. Approval of September 12, 2025 Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved

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

4. New Business

- a. Topics brought forward by General Faculty Leadership - None
- 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
Continues to be a busy time from the student affairs standpoint. Completed uploading MSTEs and are now waiting to hear from students.
Upcoming meetings with different classes regarding transitions from phase 1 to phase 2 and phase 2 to phase 3. We do that in conjunction with the OME.
Regarding admissions, we accepted 35-40 students through early decision. Biggest change this year is that with their acceptance, they received a form to complete to specify their preference. whether they want to be in Kearney or Omaha campus. Deadline for those decisions is December. Same deadline for RHOP, KHOP and UHOP so they can put their preference in early too.
It's important that students aren't ask their preference until after their acceptance.
That way they know their acceptance is not contingent on their preference.
- Undergraduate Curriculum Geoff Talmon, MD
Unavailable. No Updates
- Office of Strategic Initiatives Shirley Delair, MD
Fall 2025 M1 Community Engagement Day
Fourteen community-based partners across metropolitan Omaha hosted 20–22 students each.

Afternoon debrief sessions reflected increased enthusiasm for ongoing collaboration with partner organizations.

New Electives in Medical Education and Training (EMETs)

Community Engagement EMET: Focused on building and sustaining student partnerships with community organizations.

CUIDAR EMET: Designed to develop bilingual (Spanish) medical graduates and enhance culturally responsive care.

M3 Intersession Day

Included *Naloxone training* conducted in partnership with the Douglas County Health Department, supported by a donation from the College of Medicine Alumni Association president.

Concluded with a documentary-based discussion on *health disparities in clinical practice*.

- GME Chandra Are, MBBS
Updates about interviews- all going well
We are encouraging rural partnerships for increasing rural rotations.

- Kearney Robert Messbarger, MD
We are meeting with phase I block directors after each block during the 25-26 academic year to be prepared for the phase I curriculum starting in Kearney August 2026.

Phase 2 recruiting continues with multiple new 2 month Family Medicine rotations now available. Dr. Talmon commented on the new process being developed to convey this information to the clerkships. Emphasis will now be placed on OB.

- Faculty Affairs Nada Fadul, MBBS
Dr Fadul reminded all of the P&T Town Hall dates:
Oct 17th - 7:30am
Oct 30th – 12:00pm
Please remind your faculty and plan to attend

- Research Howard Fox, MD, PhD
Unavailable. No Updates

- Clinical Affairs/Nebraska Medicine Steve Lisco, MD
Unavailable, no presentation

- Pediatric Affairs/CSP/Children’s Hospital Kari Simonsen, MD

- COM Business Affairs Mike McGlade
Unavailable. No Updates

6. Other business

7. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan
Dean, COM