

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

September 12, 2025  
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Bradley Britigan, Vimla Band, Surinder Batra, Sheila Ellis, Charles Enke, Karen Gould, Jeffrey Harrison, Dwight Jones, Joe Khoury, Kim Latacha, Travis McCumber, Andrew Patterson, Sarosh Rana, Matt Rizzo, Mark Rupp, Kari Simonsen, William Thorell, Mike Wadman

Ad Hoc: Chandra Are, Shirley Delair, Nada Fadul, Howard Fox, Wendy Grant, Mike McGlade, Geoffrey Talmon

1. Welcome and announcements (Dr. Britigan)

Dr Britigan welcomed everyone to the September Faculty Council Meeting

He updated the Faculty Council on the status of the internal medicine chair search. He also noted that in August Angela Kratochvil, MD joined the Kearney campus as an assistant dean for the regional campus and Andrew Priest, EdD started as executive director for medical education for the Kearney campus.

2. Approval of August 8, 2025 Minutes

The August 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  
Dr. Delair provided an update on the incorporation of community into the year 1 medical student orientation program and outreach to community schools to encourage careers in healthcare..
- GME Chandra Are, MBBS  
Dr Are gave the following updates:
  1. We are implementing Title II updates to all GME educational aspects
  2. J-1 visa term may be reduced to 4 years- this can cause difficulty for training programs longer than 4 years. It is in the comment period and our University system is providing comments. More to come
  3. Recruiting season is about to start this month

4. ACGME Updates- no more CLER visits/removed all DEI requirements.

- Kearney Robert Messbarger, MD  
Unavailable, no presentation

- Faculty Affairs Nada Fadul, MBBS  
Dr Fadul gave a brief presentation on watermark and stated that the College of Medicine is currently working with academic affairs on identifying the best way to test the system. She asked each chair to identify 5 faculty from their department that will participate in the initial phase of inputting data from their CV and identify how these should be mapped into watermark.

Dr Fadul also gave a brief update on the status of the clinical track promotion and tenure guidelines changes and said that the next step will be to conduct a couple of town halls to present these to the general faculty after which they will be put out for a faculty vote. It's expected that this process will be completed by the end of the year and the guidelines should be ready for implementation early next year.

- Research Howard Fox, MD, PhD  
College of Medicine Research Retreat -  
**When:** Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025 | 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**Where:** Catalyst Building, UNMC EDGE District, The Forge Event Center & The "Living Room"  
Schedule to be announced

Research Awards and Programs - Announcements of Nominations to come in October for:  
Gilmore Award - Outstanding research accomplishments for Assistant Professors. Two awards, one Basic science, one Clinical science  
Physician Scientist Award - Two year, 100k/year to support a junior level scientist in a clinical department with clinical responsibilities. Often a resident or fellow who has been recruited or someone here recently recruited. Requires dedicated research time (to be negotiated), can be used to support time, supplies, staff, etc

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

Pediatric Affairs/CSP/Children's Hospital Kari Simonsen, MD  
Dr Simonsen gave the following updates:

1. Interviewing candidates for the Chief Physician Executive role (replaces Chris Maloney)
2. Behavioral Health and Wellness Center opens as anticipated Jan 1. Relationship with Creighton Psychiatry to move program from Immanuel Hospital and open facility on 'Children's campus
3. Recent accreditation visits from The Joint Commission, American College of Surgeons for Pediatric Level 1 Trauma and ACGME for Pediatric Neurology
4. Updated Clinical Services Agreements between Children's and Nebraska Medicine to align physician work effort across the hospitals

- COM Business Affairs Mike McGlade  
No Updates

6. Other business

7. Adjourn  
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bradley Britigan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bradley Britigan  
Dean, COM