

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting

August 12, 2022
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Vimla Band, Surinder Batra, Sheila Ellis, Charles Enke, Howie Gendelman, Karen Gould, Rebekah Gundry, Jeff Harrison, Dwight Jones, Joseph Khoury, Ron Krueger, Trek Langenhan, Kim Latacha, Steve Lisco, Howard Liu, Lynn Mack, Travis McCumber, Dave Mercer, Matt Rizzo, Deb Romberger, Carl Smith, Ashley Wysong

Ad Hoc: Kelly Caverzagie, Howard Fox, Wendy Grant, Mike McGlade, Geoff Talmon, Chanda Are

MINUTES:

1. Approval of May and July 2022 Minutes
Minutes were both approved
2. Announcements Bradley Britigan, MD
Dr. Britigan informed the committee that following input from the internal advisory committee, Dr. Rebekah Gundry was to be named permanent director of the Center for Heart and Cardiovascular Research. An announcement will go out early next week. Dr. Britigan also provided a brief summary of his recent visit to Kearney and discussions with local health system, academic and physician leaders about the proposed regional campus of the medical school. There was considerable optimism expressed. Dr. Britigan will work with Drs. Caverzagie, Grant and Talmon regarding next steps and developing lines of communication with counterparts in central Nebraska.
3. Admissions and Student Affairs Wendy Grant, MD
No Update
4. Undergraduate Curriculum Geoff Talmon, MD
Orientation for the incoming class of medical students begins next week and the White Coat Ceremony will be held on 8/19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Orpheum Theater. Faculty members providing instruction during Phase 1 this fall will follow the same COVID-19 precautions as were in place last spring. The Self Study Task Force will begin its annual review of information within the next month.
5. Educational Strategy & Learning Environment Kelly Caverzagie, MD
COM Strategic Plan – UNMC Focus Area #1 (Educational Learner Focus)
Dr. Caverzagie shared the final draft version of the COM strategies and initiatives as they relate to Educational Learner Focus. Details of the initiatives were provided for feedback from members of the Faculty Council. Some initiatives are continued from prior strategic plans while some new initiatives were added. Questions regarding medical student involvement in research were answered and feedback will be incorporated into the final plan.

Medical student involvement in research

During his report, Dr. Caverzagie introduced a possible commercial product that UNMC has

purchased (Handshake) that we would like to pilot to see if it can be used to facilitate connecting faculty researchers with medical students interested in research. Dr. Wysong volunteered the Department of Dermatology to help with this pilot.

6. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
No Update
Shirley Delair, MD
7. GME Update
No Update
Chanda Are, MBBS
8. Research
No Update
Howard Fox, MD, PhD
9. Clinical Affairs/Nebraska Medicine
Dr Lisco updated the group on the status of the MGEC charter revision and upcoming changes to the MGEC subcommittees. He also noted that the small group tasked with defining the GME strategic plan for residency / fellowship expansion has completed its work and that the spread sheet will be presented at the next meeting of the MGEC for review and approval prior to moving forward to Dean / CEO workgroup.
Steve Lisco, MD
10. Pediatric Affairs/CSP/Children's Hospital
No update
Kari Simonsen, MD
11. COM Business Affairs
University of Nebraska is changing the retirement plan investment options available to employees – The information on this change is beginning to be communicated – Everyone was encouraged thru their departments to make all aware – Mike was asked to communicate to Central Administration that the messaging should be clearer
Mike McGlade
12. Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan
Dean