

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting

February 11, 2022  
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Vimla Band, Surinder Batra, Pam Carmines, Sheila Ellis, Charles Enke, Steve Hinrichs, Trek Langenhan, Kim Latacha, Steve Lisco, Howard Liu, Lynn Mack, Dave Mercer, Deb Romberger, Carl Smith, Mike Wadman,

Ad Hoc: Chandra Are, Kelly Caverzagie, Shirley Delair, Howard Fox, Wendy Grant, Mike McGlade, Geoff Talmon

MINUTES:

1. Approval of Nov 12, 2021 and Jan 14, 2022 minutes All  
Both sets of minutes approved
  
2. Announcements Bradley Britigan, MD  
The Council was informed that the LCME Board is meeting soon to finalize their review of the COM for accreditation. WE are already working on areas that were brought to our attention by the site visit team. However, the board may reach different conclusions. We are expecting communication regarding our reaccreditation status from the LCME within the next 4-6 weeks.  
  
An update on the status of COVID and changes in campus restrictions that may be forthcoming as case numbers in the region have begun to decline.  
  
Dr. Britigan discussed the potential development of UNMC COM regional campus centered at UNK as part of a broader expansion of UNMC colleges to central Nebraska. A new building to house the activities adjacent to the current UNMC building has been proposed, with a portion of the funding coming from ARA funds and the remainder from UNK and philanthropy. Details of the COM expansion are still being developed but would involve a four-year program, with phase 1 a picture of in on campus learning at UNK along with remote learning. The issue of accommodating expansion of gross anatomy at UNK is being explored with CAHS. Phase 2 and Phase 3 portions of the curriculum would likely take place in central Nebraska clinical sites as well as Omaha. Housing for students on "away" rotations will need to be addressed. Funding is being requested from the legislature by NU to provide ongoing funding to support the expenses of a COM regional campus and the expansion of other UNMC programs. If that funding does not come through, the COM will not be able to proceed.
  
3. Admissions and Student Affairs Wendy Grant, MD
  
4. Children's Kari Simonsen, MD  
No Updates
  
5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Shirley Delair, MD

6. Educational Strategy & Learning Environment  
COM Fast Facts sheet  
Dr Caverzagie shared the COM Fast Facts document with department chairs and explained how it was developed and its intent to serve as a one-pager for the Foundation. It may be useful for Chairs in recruitment of faculty or other purposes. A copy was sent to all electronically. Kelly Caverzagie, MD
7. Faculty Affairs  
No Updates  
Carl Smith, MD
8. GME Update  
No Updates  
Chanda Are, MBBS
9. Research  
Howard Fox, MD, PhD  
Dr Fox mentioned that we are coordinating with John Windle's Center for Intelligent Healthcare and the Great Plains IDeA-CTR for the Annual COM research retreat, with a focus, at least on outside speakers, on big data and ML/AI approaches. Likely will occur over two days, October 17-18.

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan  
Dean