

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting

March 11, 2022
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Britigan, Aviva Abosch, Vimla Band, Surinder Batra, Sam Bierner, Pam Carmines, Sheila Ellis, Kevin Garvin, Howie Gendelman, Jeff Harrison, Steve Hinrichs, Dwight Jones, Ron Krueger, Trek Langenhan, Kim Latacha, Merry Lindsey, Lynn Mack, Travis McCumber, Matt Rizzo, Deb Romberger, Kari Simonsen, Carl Smith, Ashley Wysong

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

Guest: Dele Davies

MINUTES:

1. Approval of February 11, 2022 minutes All
Minutes approved
2. New NU Leadership Program Dele Davies, MD
3. Announcements Bradley Britigan, MD
Dr Britigan announced LCME full accreditation
Report back in August 2023 for follow up
Details will be shared in a later Faculty Council meeting - probably in April
4. Admissions and Student Affairs Wendy Grant, MD
Dr Grant announced Match Week is next week
Admissions cycle closed, interviewed approx. 400 apps, class is full with 40 on alternate list
Rick Mac's last admissions mtg after 32 years
Thank you to Lindsay Meyer for all she does for the admissions group
5. Children's Kari Simonsen, MD
Children's Hospital and Medical Center is opening student experiences for undergrads and High School students (shadows have been closed for 2 yrs)
Kelly Caverzagie mentioned Nebraska Medicine is working on something similar to what Kari mentioned
6. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Shirley Delair, MD
No Updates
7. Educational Strategy & Learning Environment Kelly Caverzagie, MD
Dr Caverzagie is leading a rewrite of the LCME COM bylaws
At the end of the meeting Dr Caverzagie led a conversation with the Faculty Council about reinvigorating the engagement and participation in the UNMC Sharing Clinics as well as the Legacy

Programs that allow students to complete service learning. There was a good conversation and there is definitely strong interest in continuing these opportunities to benefit students, faculty and our community. Barriers to engagement were discussed and the COM will continue to work with others to identify best options for rethinking the role of the service learning clinics moving forward.

8. Faculty Affairs Carl Smith, MD
No Update

9. GME Update Chanda Are, MBBS
No Update

10. Research Howard Fox, MD, PhD
The issue came up on whether volunteers needed to be boosted or just the initial round of immunization for SARS-CoV-2/COVID. There is no mandate in place for boosting for UNMC employees, students and faculty.
While we encourage it for all if eligible, it is not required. The same policy holds for volunteers, but note they cannot request an exemption from vaccination, they must be vaccinated and encouraged to be boosted.

11. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Britigan
Dean