

Faculty Council Meeting Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

Members Present: Andrea Lauffer, MD; Lydia Bogomolnaya, PhD; Piyali Dasgusta, PhD; Ji Bihl, PhD; Bala Palaniappan, PhD; Jordan Gaal, DO; Jennifer Price, PsyD.; Sebastian Proano, MD; Jeffrey Kim, MD; Hesham Awadh, MD; Dana Lycans, MD.; Ahmad Mahdi, MD.

Members Absent: William Myers, DDS; Carolyn Curtis, MD; Lee Van Horn, MD; Rahoma Saad, MD; Samrina Hanif, MD; Virginia Miller, DO; Beth Emrick, MD; Alicia Heyward, DO Matthew Krantz, MD; Michelle Worthy, MD; Patricia Lutz, MD; Amy "Ally" Roy, MD; Amit Singh, MD; Diane Krutzler, MD; Jesse Cottrell, MD; Troy Wallace, MD.

Invited Guests: Darshana Shah PhD; Richard Egleton, PhD

Agenda – Approval of minutes, Sabbatical Leave policy, Presentation of Proposed Guideline for Faculty Status, PAC Procedure document, new business/monthly meeting dates.

Dr. Andrea Lauffer welcomed everyone. Jennifer Price made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Ji Bihl. Motion was carried to approve last month's minutes.

Dr. Lauffer then turned the meeting over to Dr. Egleton to discuss the Graduate Council that is in charge of all graduate programs, including curriculum. If you are on the main campus involved in any teaching at any level of graduate students, you have to have faculty status. They want faculty status to be more common across the medical school. There are 3 levels of faculty members. There are not enough members present for a quorum, so the document will need to be mailed out to members to vote at the next meeting.

Dr. Shah answered questions about the Sabbatical leave policy. Moving forward the PAC would like chair, and vice chair structure, and we have MD and PhD making the decision together. Right now, we have our promotion and tenure committee schoolwide, which is the there is an elected Member from every department who serves on the they call it PAC, which is Personal Advisory Committee, and they're basically follow through the promotion tenure criteria there. That is the oversight they look for and all along, according to our faculty bylaws, we have had a chair, the committee from among all the representatives, they elect their own chair. But this year, they decided they would actually elect chair and vice chair because the majority of our folks are Clinical folks and they probably know since the faculty workload is so different, they decided to have a combination of a chair and a vice chair. Who are in either an MD and a PhD combination. So that just makes it a better approach to help all our faculty.

Dr. Shah is going to email Dean Gozal with the list of concerns and suggestions from the FC. If needed she will ask him to join the next meeting.