

Faculty Council Meeting May 18, 2021

Faculty Council Members Present:

N. Andrew Vaughan, MD, MBA; John Parker Jr., MD; Soudamani Singh, PhD; Nalini Santanam, PhD; Nick Chongswatdi, MD (Chair Elect); Gary Petty, MD; Kristina Bryant-Melvin, MD; Mohammed AlJasmi, MD; Errington Thompson, MD; Alejandro Nato, PhD; Christina Hensley, MD; Nicolas Phan, MD

Approval of Minutes:

A quorum was not met at the virtual meeting, a Survey Monkey poll sent to the Faculty Council reflected that all members approved the minutes from the April 2021 Faculty Council meeting.

Wellness Committee Update (Guests: Melissa Suekuni & Maureen Convey, WebMD)

Melissa Suekuni and Maureen Convey from WebMD gave a quick overview of the WebMD Inspire Wellness site including daily habits, pulse survey, mental health podcasts, and more. Marshall Health's program is available to all residents and faculty members, via the website or through the mobile app.

There has been low engagement rates thus far with faculty members having a 5.84% registration rate and residents having 1.26%. Overall, 616 eligible users, 25 of which are registered make the overall registration rate 4.06%. The WebMD team has run into the following problems: bandwidth population, limited visible leadership support, program alignment with overall organization priorities and initiatives, motivation (reward program), communication limitations.

Faculty Council members suggest that peer-to-peer communication is very important. Dr. Alejandro Nato suggested each council member to send an email to their department to encourage sign-ups. Dr. Kristina Melvin suggested having grand rounds in each department, which demonstrates the app and how to use it. She also suggested hanging flyers in the common areas of each department, faculty are inundated with emails so to try and limit email correspondence. Mackenzie will present these suggestions at the upcoming Wellness Meeting.

SOM Daycare Discussion:

Mackenzie contacted the Child Development Academy at Marshall University to set up a meeting to discuss what it takes to run a daycare and to confer regarding help for residents/faculty/students. The meeting is scheduled for Friday May 21 at 9am, and Drs. Hillary Porter and Nick Chongswatdi and Mackenzie will attend.

Dismiss/Next Meeting:

The next Faculty Council meeting will take place on June 15 at 5:30pm via Zoom.