

General Medical Faculty Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Main Auditorium of the Hutchinson Building

1430 Tulane Avenue

And via ZOOM

I. Welcoming and Opening Remarks – *Nakeisha Pierre, M.D., GMF Chair*

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm.

Dr. Pierre welcomed everyone, and reminded everyone of the role of the Faculty Advisory Committee. FAC Committee members are available to address questions that may arise following today's meeting – send them questions via email or mode of communication most convenient and they will bring them to the FAC meeting 12/11 in closed forum with Dr. Hamm and report back to you. Submit all questions and concerns by 12/4.

II. Approval of minutes from General Faculty Meeting: July 31, 2023 – *Louise Lawson, Vice Chair*

Dr. Lawson asked for approval of minutes from July 31st. They were distributed by email and in person today. If you have any discussion or amendments – please let us know. Minutes approved.

III. Address – *Robin Forman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of Tulane University*

Every metric assessing progress of University going well. Set record university wide financially last year. So far this year (5 months in), 10% ahead of last year = pleasant surprise. Applications for freshmen class up 40% since last year – cause unknown. Cotton Bowl effect + growth of computer science program + how addressing middle east complications + compassionate and supportive community.

Downtown/healthcare updates:

- Nursing program. Our goal is to build a world class program. Recent site visit, with no concerns. Upcoming vote soon. Plan for students next fall (2024). Value is from working with open and collaborative School of Medicine. Nursing

curriculum 75% fixed, 25% flexible to address needs of community – being built now. Plan to graduate nurses who are ready on day 1. Hopefully will stay in our healthcare system.

- Research – hiring faculty as quickly as possible. AAU thrilled with our progress, no notion of probation, etc. Will continue to invest in research enterprise. Our major issue is space – being addressed with Charity Hospital project (plan to occupy in early 2027), Hutchinson renovation (hopefully completed by end of year), Tulane Hospital in new year once clinical duties transfer to EJGH. Creating state of the art research spaces.
- Downtown campus – commitment to create campus. Lighting, new gym, restaurant, power washing, streetscape work (greenery, building cafes, more lighting, trying to take over some streets to fix), create medical community center with public spaces dedicated to public gatherings. ½ of hospital will remain clinical care (clinics, ER, research), ½ building to become public meeting spaces (coffee shops, cafes, video games) – expect vision to be processed over next few years – create welcoming and comfortable space to bring people together in informal way – friendships, collaborations.
- Transition to EJGH – patient care transition, including clinical trials, high quality efficient healthcare, hospital/healthcare operations (including billing). Frees up runway, lowers a lot of constraints to allow us to accelerate in way unable with HCA, who was actively opposed to academic research. LCMC interested in research, but not much experience. Reviewing shuttle services to ensure everyone can get where they need to go.

Questions?

- What's being done to actively staff faculty? LCMC is team of people. Defers to Dr. Hamm. They don't know what they don't know. Our job is to let them know what their role is in academic medical center. Our goal is to educate them. We need to set our strategy on how we want to address this ever changing world.
- How will AI be involved? Lots of opportunity.
- How do our system and community stay cohesive? It's going to be difficulty for patients and physicians to navigate these systems. Importance of collaboration
 - o Send survey to identify ways to stay cohesive
- AI – ChatGPT – new last year, will be old news in another year. Already moving to newer model. Will start outsourcing to more expert AIs for fields. Google about to launch competitor. Our worlds will continue to change in accelerating pace. Don't use it to write original work (doesn't do it well), but actually better at other tasks not designed well – summarizes well. Can do data analysis on own. How to develop into providing personalized healthcare.
- No software available to detect if students using AI to write. Best advice is to ask questions that chatGPT cannot answer well.
- Questions about nursing school - are classes online, are faculty being hired? Tell us more.
 - o BSN program. Bachelor of science in nursing. Plan to grow once we get our feet under it. Students will have at least 2 years of education prior

(assoc, any college). Will need to satisfy general bachelor's requirements + prerequisites. Will then be 2 years. Will be residential program (perhaps an occasional online class). Primarily new faculty will be hired. Electives may be drawn from current faculty expertise.

IV. Dean's Report – *L. Lee Hamm, M.D., Senior Vice President and Dean*

Town hall last week about transition to EJGH, Hutchinson renovations, UMC happenings.

- 1/8 – major move of inpatients from Tulane to EJ. Variety of clinics, ER to remain open downtown

Align ourselves with LCMC and our vision

- Lots of logistics with LCMC ongoing
- Good deal of education, cultural element, at many levels
- We are striving to create a more academic center – excellent care, excellent access, abundant and high quality research
- Need to have patience, communication. Will be work in progress. Tremendous opportunity
- Control what we can, including our attitudes in collaborating constructively

Questions? Complicated on when and how to expand programs.

Cohesion – as we transition to EJ, lots of large classrooms. Monthly conferences with Tulane faculty at EJ? Or consider joint meetings on what's happened, things being worked up, and so forth.

V. Research and Scholarly Activities - *Patrice Delafontaine, M.D., Executive Dean*

Tulane performed extraordinarily well last year, and well over past 5-6 years.

Cumulative awards for FY 23 – growth \$84.4 million in awards at SOM, majority NIH, just under 70M in NIH awards, which has driven national ranking up significantly.

FY24 – starting relatively slowly, university with 72M. YTD FY 23 66.2, now 72.7. SOM FY23 very frontloaded (33.7M at this point last year, this year 22.9M) – hopefully transient phenomenon that we will continue to recover. School of public health performing like we did last year. Continuing to improve research infrastructure, recruiting AAU faculty. Organizing move of clinical trials to EJ campus. Town hall next Friday on operational issues involving move of clinical trials – very detailed email went out today.

VI. Administrative Updates:

1. Office of Intellectual Property Management – *Matt Koenig, Executive Director*

Has hired: new IP contract officers. Onlike intake forms.

<https://tulane.wellspring.net>; New IP coordinator – working to get data system up and running. Data and systems administrator

Building out base structure. Hopefully speed up the process. Getting new analytics tool.

Faculty spotlights: Betsy Norton – opioid vaccine licensed.

Working with Dr. Thannickal on some partnerships, hopefully announcement at next meeting.

2. Office of Faculty Affairs – *Marie Krousel-Wood, M.D., MSPH Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs*

Awards every other years:

Faculty mentoring award – application in December

Pathway to promotions seminars in Spring – seeing increase in numbers

3. Office of Admissions & Student Affairs – *Elma LeDoux, M.D., Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs*

40% through admissions cycle for class of 2028. 13k applicants for 198 spots, normally interview about 600. Have extended to about 1/3 of class.

4th year students – in midst of interviews

We have students going to EJ too – working with GME (Dr. Gladden, Rhonda Coignet) to pin down major points

Nursing program – SIM center has set up training for TEAM STEPS – training program for patient safety – nice way for students (medical, nursing) and faculty to collaborate in terms of patient safety. Interprofessional training is mandate by accrediting bodies.

4. Office of Graduate Medical Education – *Paul Gladden, M.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education*

Thank you faculty for what you do for the residents and fellows – you are why they are so successful. Remind applicants how great it is to be in New Orleans.

12/8-20 – EJ tours

Tulane GME has sent out surveys for the residents to complete – please encourage to have them fill them out. Complete before ACGME so we can fix problems first rather than ACGME.

Should hear from ACGME in February 2024.

Lookout for each other. Still have great care downtown.

5. Office of Multicultural Affairs – *Bennetta C. Horne, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

Chief Clinical Diversity Officer Dr. Simpson and Dr. Horne – new sim training for clinical providers and staff. Received from former colleagues at UAB. Reach out to Dr. Horne or Dr. Simpson if interested.

Fridays with OMA – launched to highlight our residency programs here. Students can log into zoom and hear from our residency programs here (chairs, PDs, residents). Opened to medical students around the country. Plan to relaunch this year, with this year's focus on “what it's like to practice medicine in New Orleans”- what makes it unique and special. Reach out to Katie Dupree or Dr. Horne if interested in participating.

Black Tulane Reunion – inviting all Tulane alumni (students, residents) 1/26-27. All faculty invited. Social invites, with black tie gala Saturday night. Fri – CME talks on clinical and research.

VII. New Business and Discussion

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 6:03. Happy Thanksgiving to all.