

# General Medical Faculty Meeting

## Minutes

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023  
5:00 p.m.

Main Auditorium of the Hutchinson Building  
1430 Tulane Avenue  
And via ZOOM

Minutes prepared by: Dr. Monika Dietrich, MD

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### **I. Welcoming and Opening Remarks – *Jacob Bitoun, Ph.D.***

Meeting was declared open by Dr. Jacob Bitoun, Ph. D.

### **II. Approval of minutes from General Faculty Meeting: March 9, 2023 – Dr. Bitoun asked for approval of the minutes from March 9, 2023.** Motion and second for approval. Minutes approved.

Dr. Bitoun welcomed Dr. Pierre to the floor.

### **III. Presentation of the Nominees for the General Medical Faculty Election – *Nakeisha Pierre, M.D., GMF Vice Chair and Chair of the Nominating Committee***

Dr. Pierre: This is a period of great change. We need you to invest in your leaders. We need you to vote. You will be emailed a link - it is very easy to use, takes you less than 5 minutes. Please vote, and vote early.

I would like to thank nominating committee members. Without further ado, I present your 2023-2024 candidates. Dr. Pierre presents the candidates.

Opened the floor to any additional nominations.

Nominates ballot will remain open until this Friday at noon. May submit additional candidates to Dr. Pierre's e-mail.

The ballot will officially open for election Monday morning at 9am.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Dr. Pierre. Dr. Bitoun welcomes Dean Hamm to speak.

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

Dean Hamm first addressed the FTC proceedings - optimistic that it is not the case that this will take a long time. Optimistic it will take a few weeks. Timeline has not changed.

Clinical space design: Have received extensive drawings of the inpatient space. Many clinical leaders have looked through that, given comments and feedback, and we are awaiting a second draft.

Clinics - we are aware of where they will go, adjacent to the hospital, and we are about to begin clinic line planning.

In terms of Space - a lot of attention is being given to space downtown. One of the biggest projects that is ongoing is the pending renovation of the entire 7th floor of the Hutchinson building to accommodate researchers. A lot of offices are going to Murphy. Labs originally were going into modular units, but are now slotted to go into some spaces in Hutch, but also some spaces in the Hospital building. We should be able to get the lab space accomplished before that.

The charity renovation has been delayed some. The last date that I heard was the end of 2026 - but that is not for sure.

What will go into the hospital building? Nursing program, labs, clinics and ER, PACT and VA Brain health programs, surgical and medical education facility, SIM center, standardized patients, clinical research, needed offices.

New leadership - Dr. Brenda Douglas (Dean, Nursing); new Chief of Heme/onc Dr. Stefan Grant, new Chief of GI and Hepatology Dr. Sarah Glover

Nursing - it is an accelerated BSN program - students will come in with prerequisites, will be about 15-18 months, the program is being set up now. A feasibility study was submitted by Dr. Douglas and will go before the board of nursing in June for approval.

SOM guiding principles established by the professionalism program - respect, accountability, ethical integrity, drive for excellence, communication

Last year 54 reports of concerns, 366 reports of Kudos

Dean Hamm asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Dean Hamm, and introduces Dean Delafontaine to provide updates.

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

We are a relatively small school in the AAU. We have grown well in the rankings in the last few years. Over the last three years, we are in a great position, we are ranked #16 in terms of percentage growth in NIH awards. To date, we are 10 months into our fiscal year, university is up to about 143 million in cumulative awards, school of medicine is a little over 40% of the awards to the university. SOM has a 40% increase in total awards year to date. We have significant capacity to grow in clinical trials. We hope over the coming year we are going to see a significant growth in clinical trials.

Dean Delafontaine asked for questions: no questions.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Dean Delafontaine for the update. Dr. Bitoun invites Dr. Krousel-Wood to provide updates.

#### **VI. Administrative Updates:**

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

Increased number and diversity and qualifications of new faculty that are coming.

Formal orientation in early September, but many materials are available on our website. Reach out to office of faculty affairs if you need it.

This is the time of year for reappointment letters, etc. If you have any questions, reach out to your department.

We have several tools available through Nature Masterclasses. Use those, it is important.

Grant writers is coming back in October.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Dr. Krousel-Wood, and invites Dr. LeDoux

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

We had a match rate of 98% - national average was 96%, doing fine there  
Students matched all over the US. We did have 21 students who are remaining for all or part of their training in Louisiana, primarily in the surgical specialties. Seniors will graduate on May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Third year students just went through a weeklong orientation, and have joined you effective today on your services in hospitals and clinics.

Thank you Dr. Bitoun and Dr. Pierre for your service on the GMF.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Dr. LeDoux, and invites Dr. Gladden.

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

Dr. Gladden joined via Zoom; notes there has been significant improvement in accreditation status, but there are still some things to do. East Jeff is an outstanding opportunity for us to do things right.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Dr. Gladden, and invites Dr. Horne to speak.

**d. Office of Multicultural Affairs – *Bennetta C. Horne, M.S., Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion***

We have some new health equity training, this training will be available to all persons who are facing with patients, including students, residents, faculty, even office personnel. We just had an EDI and anti-racism workshop at the Tulane Primate Center - will also be a fulltime person at the Primate Center EDI.  
New program out of Department of Surgery, called IMPRESS, reaching out to undergrads to receive training and help with preparing for medical school.  
Please feel free to reach out to OMA, we are always interested in having new people.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Dr. Horne, and welcomes Keith Pickett.

**e. Matas Library – *Keith Pickett, MLIS, Library Director***

Update on Matas Library - primary resource library for SOM, PRC, and School of Tropical Medicine and Public Health

5 librarians, 4 full time staff, as well as student workers

Experts in information skills instruction, research support, publication assistance

Represent Tulane on the international level with leadership positions at local and larger organizations

Offer a lot of publication assistance, can help with case reports and systematic reviews

Have held a lot of workshops, are embedded in a lot of courses (such as Matas 101), and tied into various clerkships

Discussed the availability of a number of evidence-based resources for research.

Tulane has entered into Open Access deals with multiple publishers.

Reinventing the space in the Matas library - repainting, and planning to renovate into a world class library for the schools.

Dr. Bitoun thanks Keith Pickett, incites Dr. Machado to speak.

f. BMS Ph.D. Program – *Heather Machado, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program*

Congrats to graduating students, 14 PhD students earning their degrees, 120 Masters Students graduation as well, hooding is next Thursday. Great recruiting year for PhD program, increase in applications across the board, but also increase in competitive applicants  
Most of our Masters programs are still recruiting, tend to fill closer to the Summer.

**VII. New Business and Discussion**

None

**VIII. Adjournment**

Dr. Bitoun adjourns the meeting