

TULANE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, GENERAL MEDICAL FACULTY
FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FACULTY SENATORS
QUARTERLY MEETING 5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2024
Dean's Conference Room 15th floor Murphy and via ZOOM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR OF GENERAL MEDICAL FACULTYLOUISE LAWSON

- *Dr. Louise Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:09pm. She welcomed everyone and reviewed the roles of the Faculty Advisory Committee:*
 - *12 elected members in addition to the Chair (Dr. Lawson), Vice-Chair (Dr. Bateman), Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Shank), and immediate Past-Chair (Dr. Pierre).*
 - *4 members selected each year for 3 year terms*
 - *6 from Basic Sciences (Drs. Vaccari, Lawson, You, Fan, Machado, Zvezdaryk) and 6 from Clinical Sciences (Drs. Bateman, Bojanowski, Donald, Cox, Zifodya, Zhang)*
 - *1 Executive Faculty Representative (Dr. Boh)*
 - *Also invited to this meeting are the members of the University Senate (3 from Basic Science [Drs. Lindsey, Landry, Matter] and 4 from Clinical Sciences [Drs. Turner, Aysenne, Aslam, Klingsberg])*
 - *The Dean will meet with FAC quarterly to apprise them of major decisions made by the Dean and the Executive Faculty*
 - *The Functions of the FAC:*
 - *Recommending actions to the GMF*
 - *Reporting feedback from GMF*
- *Everyone present on Zoom and in person introduced themselves and stated their Department and roles on the FAC*

UPDATES FROM THE DEAN

DEAN..... L. LEE HAMM

- *Dean Hamm discussed that the FAC is a way for him to hear concerns and receive suggestions from the GMF. He requested that the FAC members check in with their colleagues for input prior to each meeting.*
- *Updates from the Dean:*
 - *The medical school is doing very well, has had lots of successes and some challenges. Some challenges are a result of those successes/ new opportunities.*
 - *The White Coat Ceremony recently occurred this summer and we have an incoming class of students from all over the country.*
 - *Education: SOM received a favorable letter from LCME, 4 years ago, the SOM was accredited for 7 years and this letter was a follow up. It contains 2 citations regarding security around campus and availability for research opportunities for students.*
 - *Resident Education: All programs are accredited, only 1 program is “accredited with warning”, none on probation*
 - *Recruited a good PhD class and a high number of master's students*
 - *Research: going well but numbers have dipped a bit but attributes that to the typical ebb and flow of size and number of grants, still recruiting heavily, trying to grow clinical research (over several years), recruiting an Associate Dean for Clinical Research and have already recruited a new administrative lead*
 - *Clinical: Major change is the transition to EJGH*
 - *Recruiting 3-4 BMT physicians (the current 2 recently gave 60 day resignation)*
 - *Recruiting a new Chief of Infectious Disease, Dave Mushatt will be stepping down to focus on clinical care*
 - *Recruiting an Endowed Chair in Aging with a clinical focus as well one with a research focus*

- *Recruiting a Chief Business Officer for SOM to oversee finances and operations*
 - *Margaret Bell, current CFO is out on medical disability*
- *Hutchinson 7th floor renovation is underway for new research space and may be somewhat disruptive to the 6th and 8th floors due to contraction noise, etc.*
- *5th floor renovation will be coming in the future*
- *Dean Hamm took questions:*
 - *Dr. Donald: Will Locums be used to cover BMT physician gap – Dean Hamm: this is a possibility*
 - *Dr. Boh: What about the hem/onc fellows?- Dr. Donald: the 1st years get above and beyond their BMT by the end of the 1st year and therefore should be fine for at least 1 year*
 - *Dr. Aslam: What is the success rate of matriculation of master’s students to the MD program? – There are 13 master’s programs, many of which feed students into medical schools. Dr. Machado: there are “a lot” of Biochemistry master’s students who were accepted as 1st year medical students. Dr. Lawson: 4-5 Microbiology master’s students were also accepted. Dr. Krousel-Wood: 27 of 37 MD/MPH students already have master degrees. Dean Hamm: 40-50 Tulane undergraduate students are incoming 1st year MD students and > 50% of incoming class are women.*
 - *Dr. Boh: What is the progress of the downtown former hospital building? Dean Hamm: The 3rd floor is undergoing renovation to become a “ballroom-type” lab space, 5th floor clinic and ER are ongoing clinical spaces. The nursing program, the standardized patient program and the Sim Center will be moving there.*
 - *Dr. Boh: concern regarding the state of appearance of the 1st and 2nd floors with overflow of furniture and construction mess*
 - *Dr. Machado: will there be a return of a coffee shop?*
 - *Dean Hamm: will bring up the concerns regarding the downtown building to the University Senate*

UPDATES FROM FACULTY AFFAIRS

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN.....MARIE KROUSEL-WOOD

- *The GMF Constitution and Bylaws will be a big project for the FAC this year. Need to add the nursing program.*
- *There will be a new “Clinical Professor of Practice” option for the clinical faculty that see patients 90% of their time and will not be required to report scholarly activities (official title TBD). It will have 3 ranks: Assistant, Associate, and Full.*
- *Annual Reviews are coming up*
- *NIH is changing the way it scores grant applications May 2025. Grant writers and grant writing workshops will be available.*

FACULTY FEEDBACK

HLA TYPING SERVICES AND HELP FOR BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS.....SAM LANDRY

- *Dr. Landry found out the answer to his question: researchers will have some limited access for genomic sequencing through transplant services*
- *Dr. Landry: Some researchers cannot get account #'s for certain software in order to spend their research funds. Dean Hamm: will look into it*
- *Dr. Zifodya: will there be grant writing support for clinical researchers. Dr. Krousel-Wood: Yes*
- *Dr. Lawson: information about nursing program. Dean Hamm: It will be a small starting class (<10) students. They will start classes in person and virtual September on the 4th floor of Murphy Building. 2nd cohort starts in January 2025. Because it is a 16 month program (4 semesters), there are many prerequisites to apply.*

NEXT STEPS

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- *NONE DISCUSSED*

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:02PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 5pm.