

## **School of Medicine General Medical Faculty, Faculty Advisory Committee and Faculty Senators Quarterly Meeting:**

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:00pm, Zoom and Dean's Conference Room 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Murphy  
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I. **Meeting was declared open** by Dr. Jacob Bitoun, Chair of the General Medical Faculty

### **II. Updates from the Dean: Dean L. Lee Hamm**

\* Would like to give updates on education, research, and clinical

\* Discussed recruitment in education:

- Recruitment for BMS is going well; there have been some challenges in recruiting for the Master's program due to nationwide competition;
- recruitment of medical students is going well – there is a nationwide trend that medical students may be coming into school somewhat less prepared than before
- Residency: One program has improved their status (neurology), two programs have accreditation with warning, but those program and doing well and on the right track

\* Research: Doing extraordinarily well in terms of funding. Up above 30% over last year. Warning that there may be some seasonal variation. There have been some humongous awards. Primate Center base grant got an extraordinary score.

\* Clinical:

- Recruitment: There is a new GI chief, discussed candidates for chief of heme/onc. Awaiting a permanent chief of Child Psych. Thinking about recruiting someone to grow clinical trials.
- LCMC acquisition: Going well. It is a bumpy road, but it is proceeding, tremendous amount still being worked on. There will be a Town Hall next Tuesday at noon. January and February are a "discovery phase," so far there have been >25 different interviews with different areas. Beginning to put together a clinical plan; do think there will be a reasonable number of clinics which remain downtown. Jan 1 2024 is the goal to have most of the acute care services at EJ, however there is a lot to do to accomplish that.
- Comment that there is a lot to do, and to note that everybody is working really hard, and we need to be cognizant, and acknowledge that this can be a stressful time. Some it is partly coming out of COVID. Give everyone a little bit of grace -

\* Questions:

1. Is the school is prevented by its Standard Coffee contract from using paper instead of styrofoam cups.
  - a. No standard contract. Dean Hamm encourages everyone to use reusable cups
2. While HCA leadership remains in place during this initial stage of the transition, is there any administrative oversight or direction being provided by LCMC?
  - a. Absolutely, they are behaving as LCMC employees. Many admin are being leased from HCA, so are in effect LCMC

3. A follow up on the work we have done with professionalism about a year ago via the Professionalism Task Force and the Sensei report. I know both were quite extensive and some changes have been made. The compilation was intense and valuable. Are we still using these suggestions to guide growth of the Professionalism Program?
  - a. Yes, still working with Sensei. The professionalism task force is undergoing a variety of changes. A lot of things are being tweaked. Working with an expert from Harvard to help guide further professionalism changes.
4. Is there a statement, recommendations, or mandates by the SOM to have faculty members represented on hospital committees given the LCMC transition and EJ merger? It seems there is redundancy and that the Tulane policies are being reviewed by EJ but not the inverse.
  - a. The official committee for hospitals in terms of credentialing and policies is a Tulane committee. Up until December 31<sup>st</sup>, there were separate organizations, so it may take time for policies to crossover.
5. How do you see the renovations downtown playing out?
  - a. Hutchinson will come first with significant changes by the Summer hopefully
  - b. Likely next will be the use of the hospital building – what will be in the hospital? Clinics, some clinical research, surgical education, may move the simulation center, may move the standardized patient program. The University will own the hospital building.
  - c. The latest word for Charity Hospital renovations to be complete is by 2025
6. Any timeline on the EMR?
  - a. Inpatient Tulane will not change at all, since there will be relocation prior to when an EMR change would go through. There is no timeline yet on changeover in clinics or at Lakeside Hospital.
7. Since most Tulane physicians will be moving to EJ, some to UMC, has there been any discussion with LSU physicians, since there may be some clashing?
  - a. As of now still unclear how that will work
8. Will there be any updates on space for learners?
  - a. No updates yet, just beginning planning
9. Will there be GME issues with learners from two different hospitals?
  - a. GME + OME programs will remain separate, so there should not be any issues
10. Will there be transportation for learners to EJ?
  - a. There will be shuttles out to EJ. When we start to have significant learners the shuttles will be operating. There should not be much of a lag.

\*Dr. Bitoun would like to thank Dean Hamm for giving his remarks, and invite Dr. Krousel-Wood to give her updates from Faculty Affairs

### **III. Updates from Faculty Affairs: Senior Associate Dean – Marie Krousel-Wood**

\*Not many updates, reminder that there are continuing annual seminars for advancement of promotion. These are separate for tenure and non-tenure tracks. Both are on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Also a CV workshop that will be taking place in March.

**IV. Next Steps and Adjournment**

\*Dr. Nakeisha Pierre – Please nominate individuals who you would like to represent you on the General Medical Faculty from your departments

\* Dr. Bitoun adjourned this meeting