

- I. Welcome and introductions—Dr. Elizabeth Norton.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Dr. Norton.
 - b. Faculty representatives introduced themselves by name and department.
- II. Updates from the Dean—Dr. L. Lee Hamm
 - a. The point of these meetings is to disseminate information and figure out different ways to communicate. Let's go through the 3 parts of Tulane's Mission.
 - i. Education: We had a good graduation, and the residency programs are going well. Chayan Chakorborti will be the new Associate Dean of Education and Academic Affairs starting on July 1, 2022. He was promoted following a national search. Medical and graduate students will start in the 1st part of August with the white coat ceremony. A lingering issue is that the residency program is still on probation. Tulane is still working on resolving this. We named Dr. Chi Dola Assistant Designated Assistant Official (DIO) to help with the process of reaccreditation or residency program with ACGME. In fact, 38/41 of our residency programs are doing great. Ophthalmology is no longer on probation. We are still working on neurology, internal medicine, and medicine/pediatrics. Clinical sites have issues that need to be addressed. Other news within the Education realm is that Dr. Diane Blake announced her retirement. We will be announcing a new Asst Dean Position to find her replacement.
 - ii. Research: We are still on track with overall funding. We are right where we were last year. We are still recruiting AAU faculty and currently searching to fill the Chair in Physiology. Other on-going searches include the Chief of Clinical Diversity and Inclusion, Gastroenterology in Medicine, and Child Psychology in Psychiatry.
 - iii. Clinical: All of the hospitals are experiencing issues with staffing. The shortage of CRNAs is affecting our surgeons and the Cancer Center.
 - iv. General updates: Connecting the generators to the mainline power went well. We will have generator backups in Hutchinson. In the event of power outage, it will take two hours before the generators will kick on. The downtown gym opened. This project was overseen by the Uptown campus. We will have some budget challenges coming up, but we are not cutting back. Ida and COVID cut into our revenue and inflation has increased costs. We spend every dime that comes in and maybe a little bit more. We have to balance our budget with the ups and downs of events like IDA/COVID and the politics going on with the State, VA, and Fed. Even some of the super successful hospitals had big hits during Ida.
- III. Updates from Faculty Affairs—Dr. Marie Krousel-Wood—postponed
- IV. Faculty Feedback—
 - a. Q: Will the generators be available after hurricane season? A: Backup power is from here on out.
 - b. Q: Do you have an update on Charity's timeline? A: Work on Charity has begun, and we have a meeting with key individuals soon to get more information, but the timeline is for 2025. Now for us to get more space, there will be temporary issues. I envision space pains coming. We still use

the Poydras building for standardized patients. There will be less academics in Hutchinson, which will be devoted to more research space. The School of Public Health will move to Charity.

- c. Q: Can you give an update on outside green space that may foster better collaborations? A: It's going to happen.
- d. Q: Can we continue to do General Medical Faculty Meetings on Zoom and in person? A: Information Technology is short staffed. We may be able to if we coordinated in advance.
- e. Q: Is there a plan to end COVID surveillance testing? A: None have been discussed yet.
- f. Q: In the University Senate before COVID there was a push to rename certain buildings. Has this move forward? A: The committee that was assigned to research the renaming has not yet submitted their report. Renaming of buildings is a big decision and needs to be fully evaluated. Matas Library is one that may or may not be renamed.
- g. Q: Is there any way for Tulane to have an integrated calendar? A: This is a good idea and maybe we can use the Tulane app for this.

V. Next Steps—Dr. Norton- none

VI. Adjournment—Meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm by Dr. Norton.