

- I. Meeting was declared open by *Elizabeth Norton, Ph.D., Chair of the General Medical Faculty* at 5:01 pm.
- II. GMF Budget and Approval of Minutes by *Jacob Bitoun, Secretary-Treasurer of the General Medical Faculty*. Minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved by motion and seconded by the faculty. Minutes were accepted into the GMF record.
- III. Back-Up Power Update-*Randy Philipson, VP Facilities, Campus Development and Real Estate and Dhanika Galloway, Associate VP, Facilities Management* We have had a power issue that affected us greatly. We have entered a 30-year energy concession program with a Baton Rouge based company called Benhard Energy. This agreement is focused on energy efficiency and a clinical action plan. It is called Project RISE: Renew, Innovate, Sustain, Engage. There will be 109 million in Energy capital investments, and we are guaranteed to save 4.9 million dollars. We are getting whole building backup power. You may have seen the temporary generators staged on South Liberty Street. They will be put in force for 2022 Hurricane season. We had planned to hook these generators up to the grid on May 6, 2022, but we ran in some minor issues while testing and will hold off until a future date. In the event of a power failure, emergency lights and red plugs will continue to work right away. Then two hours after the power outage, all lights, plugs, and HVAC systems will engage. We have to switch it on manually right now, but the plan is for immediate backup power for 2023 Hurricane Season. Buildings that will have Permanent Generators include: Perdido, JBJ, Demming, Hutchinson, and Tidewater. We have other infrastructure improvements underway including upgrades to water cooling systems, steam systems, and pumps. We will upgrade 7 million square feet to LED lighting. 1700 Perdido is getting a new elevator and air-handling unit. Regarding Entergy, we have always had an account rep, but we met with the COO of Entergy after the power outages, and it went ok. But now we have a monthly meeting with Entergy on the books. We also want to open the lines of communication with the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.

Q: How will the generators be powered?
A: Mostly gas and diesel. We looked at solar too.

Q: will the inlets be above the perceived rise in water level?
A: yes

Q: Do you have any updates on the repairs at 1700 Perdido?
A: Perdido is going to see a lot of improvement that it has not seen in a long time. We fight daily with the insurance company and the experts that they bring in.

Q: Sarah Lindsey commented that after the first animal-mediated power outage, she testified at the New Orleans City Council meeting about the loss in research materials. Entergy responded that it was a one in one million scenario. Then it happened again so what's the deal with Entergy and the animals?
A: They put in measures at that substation including lasers and sound to keep animals out of the fray. Not sure if it really is animals though.

Q: What's going on with Charity?
A: The general contractor is in there carrying out abatement.
- IV. Presentation of the Nominees for the General Medical Faculty Election-*Marcia Glass, M.D. Vice Chair of the General Medical Faculty*. It was noted that self-nominations will be accepted until close of business Friday May 6th 2022.
- V. Dean's Report – *L. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President, and Dean*- The Dean's Report focused on understanding that we have all been through a lot with the COVID pandemic. He acknowledged that

burnout, anxiety, depression, uncertainty, and exhaustion are real things that we all might be dealing with. He asked that we remain compassionate and look out for ourselves and each other and used sailing motifs to help illustrate that we need to maintain course and seek to help each other in the face of the oncoming waves. He also mentioned that we continue to recruit many faculty. He mentioned that Chayan Chakorborti will become a Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. We are actively recruiting a Director of Medical Education. The Dean commented that space continues to be a problem and mentioned that Charity will help in a couple of years. The Dean showed the faculty a public relations video that was made to highlight what's going on in the research and clinical operations at the School of Medicine. He laid out what he coined Lee's Hope which is a faculty that is built on trust, compassion, cohesion, empathy, and pride.

Q: What is the plan to replace John Christie and Shafin Khan?

A: John Christie will be here until June 30, 2022. And we have an interim leadership plan in place. For tech transfer issues, we will contract with a well-respected outside consulting firm. Also, we have James Zanewicz and Clay Christian who can help us get whatever services we need.

Q: Jay Kolls commented that we should make time for the Office of Proposal Development to comment on their activities during the next GMF meeting

A: Dean Hamm responded by saying they will be presenting at the upcoming Town Halls

Zoom Comment: There will be a Memorial Service and Reception for Jim Caridi, Professor and Chair of Radiology, May 12, 2022 at 4pm. It will take place in the main auditorium of Hutchinson.

VI. Research and Scholarly Activities – *Patrice Delafontaine, M.D., Executive Dean* -Postponed until the next GMF meeting, but numbers continue to get better, 20% increase in research expenditures and awards.

VII. Administrative updates

- a. Office of Faculty Affairs-*Marie-Krousel Wood, M.D. MSPH Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs*-We will present new faculty at the next meeting, but this is a reminder that Faculty evaluations will be due soon. Please update CVs and coordinate follow-up meetings with your chairs.
- b. Office of Academic Affairs-*Kevin Krane, M.D., Vice Dean for Academic Affairs*-I am stepping down and turning over the reins to Chayan Chakorborti while Tulane actively seeks a Director of Medical Education.
- c. Office of Admissions and Student Affairs-*Elma Ledoux, M.D. Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs*-Match Day is the most important day for graduating seniors. For 2022, the top specialties that our graduates matched to include Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Surgery, and Pediatrics. Twenty-one matched at Tulane. Six matched at LSU. The top states that our graduates will pursue residences include: Louisiana, California, New York, and Illinois.
- d. Office of Graduate Medical Education-*Paul Gladden, M.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education*-The response letter to the ACGME regarding Tulane SOM's probationary status was sent on April 15, 2022. There will be another response letter sent on August 5, 2022. These letters are updates to show how Tulane is responding to previous critiques. Dr. Gladden showed a couple of slides that highlighted the Residents' satisfaction/dissatisfaction with the programs. There are still a couple of warnings that need to be addressed but overall Tulane is meeting National Averages. The work continues and we will continue to push for better recognition.

- e. Office of Multicultural Affairs-*Bennetta C. Horne, M.S., Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*-Ms. Horne opened by saying that the OMA now has physical space located on the 2nd floor of the Murphy building and that there may be a ribbon cutting ceremony soon. The EDI counsel has been busy and is comprised of faculty from both Basic Sciences and the Clinical Enterprises. She welcomes people to come to Fridays with the OMA and stressed that the OMA is open to all Tulane people. Ms. Horne said that they are trying to recruit more qualified individuals for roles at the OMA by going to meetings and that the interest in Tulane is here and strong. Opening after COVID has generated good news stories of people presenting information at National meetings. There are pipeline programs. EDI is Ms. Horne's job but everyone's responsibility.

VIII. New Business and Discussion

IX. Adjournment at 6:00pm