

## Minutes of the GMF Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2016

Meeting started at 12 PM

(1). Dr. David Franklin, Chairman of GMF welcomed the attendees. Later, he introduced Dr. Hamm, the Dean of School of Medicine.

(2). **Dr. Lee Hamm, M.D.**, Senior Vice President and Dean, School of Medicine; James R. Doty Distinguished Professor and Chairman.

### I. University Wide Updates

- **Budget:** Discussed the plans of the President of Tulane University related to reviewing the budget and the changes relating to SOM are going to be finalized to save the money.
- **Searches:** University wide searches include replacements for administrators who retired including Chief Financial Officer, executive VP of University Relations and Development, Provost, and others. He informed that the University is close to hiring a Chief Operating Officer. Other searches are currently underway.
- **Presidential Inauguration.** The inauguration is scheduled for Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in Uptown Campus. There are some associated events everyone is welcome to attend. Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> afternoon at 4:30 PM, there will an event in downtown associated with Presidential inauguration. Need regalia for March 17<sup>th</sup> uptown event, however, you can participate in the occasion without being in the procession. Inauguration is followed by board meetings on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> morning there will be tours for development.

### II. Research Updates

- Monthly updates on research awards through December 2015 look good. Many investigators in the SOM received research awards including NIH grants. Other schools in the university have also reported strong results. There has been increasing in number of grant submissions as well from the SOM faculty.

### III. Clinical Operations Updates

- **TUHC.** Based on today's numbers of quality metrics, TUHC is the highest rated in the city. Quality measures have been continue to improve, financials are also relatively strong, volumes have been very high, number of individual programs are doing well in terms of increase in the number of new faculty.
- **UMC.** There is not a lot to report. Their volumes are also increasing, presently efforts are underway to hire a new CEO. The big thing about UMC is the changes that might occur in the state budget. There is a special session of the state legislature is going on to address the shortfall in the budget amounting to several billion dollars. In Louisiana, many programs are protected from substantial budget cuts and the two big areas that are not protected are higher education and health care. University wide there is some exposure for the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) in the range of 4 million dollars. Concern is the UMC funding because lot of state money goes into UMC, it is clear that they are going to have substantial cut although we don't know how much. These cuts will passed on to the universities. LSU gets lot more funding from UMC than Tulane and this may reflect on the funding cuts as well. The magnitude of our share is 20 million dollars that includes residents' salaries, faculty salaries, some contracts etc. The other ways that UMC and TUHC will be impacted includes cuts in the Medicaid payments. Also affected by LCRC cancer consortium.
- **VA Med Ctr.** Good news Inpatient operations from 2017. New leadership, Shapiro, is great to work with. Expansion and integration planes.
- **Searches.** New Chair of Anesthesiology is expected to be announced. Similarly, new chair of Radiology will be starting soon.
- **Productivity Initiative.** Tuition increase is topping out to raise revenues. Research money is improving and the number of grant submissions have increased.
- **Issues.** Three areas are going to take more time to solve.
  - Step CS. Step 1 better above national average, but not step 2.
  - Graduation Questionnaire of rating of the academic experience showing a trend drifting downward.
  - Matching residency programs, number of unmatched matched students are high.

- Capital Campaign is in 'Quiet' phase.
- Increasing productivity is indicated by increase in RO1 funded grants.
- Clinical Productivity is indicated by increase in quality measures of patient experiences.

(3). **'Tonette' Krousel-Woods**, Associate Dean / Associate Provost for Health Sciences.

- Provost search. Interviews scheduled for May.
- Faculty Development Seminars scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Faculty Handbook updating is still underway.
- Health Sciences Research Days in April. Janine Austin Clayton, NIH Associate Director for Research on Women's Health is the guest.
- Interfolio is coming to School of Medicine
- Tulane MD/MPH is the largest program in the country.
- DeBaKey Scholars Program.

(4). **Dr. Kevin Krane, MD.**, Chairman of Curriculum Committee, provided an overview of the medical school curriculum.

- He also discussed the goals of the curriculum committee. Integration of basic and clinical sciences across the entire curriculum. Promotion of critical thinking skills.
- He emphasized the efforts to encourage active learning and professional behavior among the students.
- He mentioned about the plans to aggressively monitor the standards.

(5). Dr. Marc J Kahn, Senior Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs provided the update on Admissions.

- Announced the hiring of new Director of multicultural affairs to oversee student diversity.
- 10000 applications were received by the SOM for 186 seats for the coming academic year.
- Match date is March 18.
- MD/MBA program 4 year recruiting 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

(6). **Dr. Gaby Navar**, Chairman of Physiology provided update about Tulane Xavier University Collaboration opportunities. Also, he made an announcement about the World Kidney Days by National Kidney Foundation.

(7). Update by Senators: Work on Faculty Handbook updating will continue with a meeting today.

(8). Nominations for the GMF committee memberships are solicited.

(9). Next GMF meeting will be in May, 2016.