General Medical Faculty Meeting - MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 5PM  
SOM Main Auditorium

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks  By Andrea Zsombok PhD
2. Minutes of Meeting July 13, 2016 approved
3. President Address – Michael Fitts  
   a. Reviewed his background from a medical family  
   b. Actively thinking about new ideas  
      “Branding” of Tulane as more than just New Orleans  
      Increase student and Faculty Diversity  
      Trying to decrease uptown class size  
   c. Focus on research - support now at 160 million  
   d. Improved budget  
      Current 20 million deficit  
      Consultant had 12-14 recommendations; no specifics but they are on website  
      May balance budget this year  
   e. Multiple uptown building projects occurring  
   f. University is financially supporting the Medical School  
   g. Questions  
      Any Plans to improve the Medical School infrastructure?  
      Ans: Board discussed medical school research at last meeting  
      Plans to aid in the small clinic footprint?  
      Ans: agree it should be expanded  
      Any way to relieve student debt burden?  
      ANS: Cannot set up a debt forgiveness  
      Is there a way to obtain admin support for research  
      ANS: Thinking about the answer to this  
      Any thoughts to fund the educational mission of the med school in the capital campaign?  
      Ans: Plan is to fund raise for joint priorities
4. Dean’s Report:  
   a. University Taxes pay for electricity, development office  
      New budget may hold costs down  
   b. Need to grow clinical faculty – we are too small  
      Focus on increased productivity  
      No funding available  
   c. 193 new students for this year  
   d. Majority of residency programs doing very well  
   e. Slight uptick in research – first in a long time  
   f. Clinical value growing  
      Working to integrate with UMC/VA  
   g. VA will be hit to the hospital  
      May have a bad financial year  
      Affects med school as it receives 33 million from hospital  
   h. 3 new Ocshner ER’s in city – one less than 2 miles away  
      We think we are staying on top of this
5. Report from Provost: main areas of focus
   a. Research – Funding
   b. Distinction at Tulane
   c. Diversity of faculty and students
6. Report from Dr. Kahn: thanked faculty for interviewing
7. Report from Dr. Krane:
   Pass rate 98-99%
   curriculum improvement through integration
   LCME review is coming up soon
8. Report from Dr Wiese
   not present
9. Reports for Department Chairs
   no reports given
10. Reports from Center Directors
    no reports given
11. Reports from Senators, Officers, Standing Committees
    no reports given
8. Adjournment