

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 form Senators, Officers, Standing Committees
 - no reports given
8. Adjournment