

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. Meeting was declared open by **Aimee Aysenne, M.D.**, Chair of the GMF at 5:03 pm

**II. Updates from the Dean**

- a. **Dean Hamm** provided general updates from the SOM.
- b. Dean Hamm thanked Dr. Aysenne for her time as Chair of the GMF.
- c. Education: Graduation went well. This was 'in-person' in the convention center. We would like to increase faculty participation and will look for ways to lower the barriers. The graduate students also had a very nice graduation. New residents are about to start. We have 190 in the class and is expected to remain at 190. We had a record number of applications.
- d. Tulane Hospital is behind on staffing and is having trouble catching up. This is a problem nation-wide. This is affecting different departments disproportionately.
- e. Research: Last academic year we had a 50% increase over the prior year in research. We started slower this year, but we are moving closer to what we had last year. We have some new recruits that are in the pipeline.
- f. University-wide we are ~71% vaccinated. Clinical physicians and residents are not well-represented, but this may be due to them not registering their vaccination.
- g. The old Warwick Hotel is still under construction. It is unclear if they will be open by July 2021.
- h. The gym downtown is ~2 months away, or so we are told.
- i. Dean Hamm discussed taking care of ourselves and encouraged constructive communication with leadership.

**III. Updates from Faculty Affairs**

- a. **Dr. Krousel-Woods**, Senior Associate Dean, was unable to attend. No updates were given.

**IV. Faculty Feedback**

- a. Dr. Landry – Can Tulane University help us get plasticware needed for the lab?
  - i. Dean Hamm is unclear if this can be addressed by Tulane but will investigate it.
  - ii. Several investigators echoed this concern
- b. Dr. Norton – Can we get outside seating and picnic tables?
  - i. Dean Hamm anticipated the question and investigated this today and was informed this may be resolved by putting picnic tables on the top level of the parking garage.
- c. Dr. You – How are the SOM's finances?
  - i. The SOM is doing well financially and we should receive raises this year. The school did several things to stay financially healthy during the
  - ii. We still have plans to invest in the clinics and research and continue to improve our educational approach.
- d. Dr. Landry – The Tulane shuttle between uptown and downtown is not operating over the summer. The TAP rides are going to be used in its place.
  - i. Drs. Boh and You have both used the TAP rides and find it to be a good and sometimes better alternative.
- e. Dr. Aysenne – Is there any update on the inclusion and diversity committee?
  - i. They should have their report by the end of June
  - ii. They would like inclusion of more residents
- f. Dr. Katakam – Discussed a student who has been working in his lab who is an economics major but is working on stroke and has enough data to write an honor's

thesis. The student's advisor told him that he cannot write his thesis on the work from Dr. Katakam's lab because he is an economics major.

- i. This cannot be addressed through the SOM, however, other faculty suggested how this might be addressed through the University, which Dr. Katakam will pursue.

**V. Next Steps**

- a. This is the final meeting of year for the Senate but Dean Hamm will discuss an in-person meeting later this month with Dr. Aysenne.

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.