

- I. Meeting was declared open by **Thomas Cooper Woods, Ph.D.**, Chair of the GMF at 4:00PM
- II. **Approval of minutes** (Dr. Nakhoul). Minutes of the January 23, 2020 were approved.
- III. **Presentation of the Nominees for the GMF Election** (Dr. Aimee Aysenne, Vice Chair of the GMF). Dr Aysenne read the names of all candidates on the ballot. Voting is now open and will continue into July.
- IV. **Dean's Report** (Dr. Lee Hamm). Dr. Hamm presented an overview of the current situation at the school of medicine indicating the following major points:
  - Tulane SOM did very well during the pandemic. Doctors, nurses and personnel preformed remarkably well under challenging circumstances.
  - There was good national publicity for doctors and investigators including from national networks and media.
  - Investigators worked at a remarkable pace.
  - A lot of work is undertaken to bring people back. Some were present daily and never left.
  - Testing for Covid is ongoing with plans to test everybody at Tulane SOM.
  - Many worked hard to set clinical labs in a remarkably short time (including Drs. DeLfontaine, Cindy Morris, Bob Garry and many others).
  - Two important points were emphasized:
    - o Even though the SOM is doing relatively well, there was a substantial decline in income. This necessitates finding cost-control ways. So far, Tulane is not reducing salaries or personnel. Any unnecessary expenses that can be implemented should be taken.
    - o The mission of the SOM did not change, Clinical work before Covid was improving; education was doing well but we still need to do better. Clinical revenue needs to return. Currently, it is rather low but needs to grow (advertisement and other measures are considered). Recruitment needs to continue as well.
- V. **Administrative Updates:**
  - a. **Faculty Affairs (Dr. Krousel-Woods).**
    1. New faculty members are on-board in several departments.
    2. Thanks to Ms. Wendy Stark for developing and implementing "Faculty 180".
    3. On June 8, 2020, there will be a session on career development.
    4. There will be a grant writing workshop in June.
    5. Recognizing achievement in teaching is a part of the promotion package.
  - b. **Academic Affairs (Dr. Krane).** Dr. Krane explained re-entry plans for the medical students (presentation summarized below).

**Third and Fourth Year Students**

- Class of 2021 (Rising 4<sup>th</sup> Year Students)

- June 1: Resuming clinical duties on clerkships (Peds, Surgery, Ob etc.) to complete required activities not completed when pulled in March
  - Must complete a short “course” prior to starting: Safety, Use of PPE, CDC, School Policies
  - Sim Center and Standardized Patient Programs will be opening
- No “Away” or visiting experiences, on-line interviewing for residencies
- All Acting Internships to be done through Tulane
- Class of 2022
  - Orientation June 29, Begin clerkships July 6
  - 8 wk clerkships now 6 wks: Medicine, Peds, Surgery, Ob/Gyn
- Challenges: No direct care of Covid-19 patients, PPE availability, patient population, social distancing, fewer clinical sites, changes in patient populations, differing hospital policies

***First and Second Year Students: General Issues***

- Rae Guen, PhD appointed Assist Dean for Basic Science Education
- Large Groups: Zoom
  - Faculty Challenge: Making Zoom “more than a lecture”
  - Pre-class preparation for students
  - Apply knowledge more than teach knowledge
  - Use small group, Turning Point, features
- Small Groups: Limited to 10 people
  - Multiple simultaneous groups requiring many teaching spaces
  - Will require additional faculty
- Exams: Remote, on-line
- Clinical opportunities likely to be reduced, fewer community sites
- Simulation Center and Standardized Patient Center for activities

***First and Second Year Students***

- Second year students: Class of 2023
  - Classes resume August 3 with Cardiovascular Module
  - Overall curriculum, system modules, unchanged – challenges in delivery of clinical activities, large and small groups
- First year students: Class of 2024
  - Orientation: Friday, July 31, Classes start Aug 3 with a more extended introduction to medicine and learning in the med ed environment
  - Challenges: Delivering the “normal” introduction and socialization process. Will be emphasizing Tulane Learning Communities (TLC’s) and will need additional faculty volunteers. Faculty preparation for teaching in new environment
  - Curriculum primarily normal structure function and introduction to clinical medicine
  - Complete reorganization of curriculum: Anatomy integrated into system modules

**c. Admissions and Student Affairs (Dr. LeDoux).**

Class of 2024 admissions data (as of 5/27) are summarized as follows:

Total Applied: 12,758

Total Interviewed: 622

Total Enrolled: 188 (will increase by 2)

Female: 96

Male: 92

Avg. MCAT: 509

Avg. GPA: 3.51  
Age Range: 21-41  
Avg. Age: 24  
Total states represented: 34  
Total Colleges Represented: 95  
URM Groups Enrolling  
AA: 24  
Vietnamese: 4  
Hispanic: 7

Of the admitted students, 25 are from Louisiana. There will be students and parents' orientation done virtually. Incoming students will be divided into groups and rotated. Pictures of incoming students will be posted.

**d. Graduate Medical education (Dr. Wiese).**

Dr. Wiese expressed pride in residents for their work during these challenging times. Repurposing residents into different services is now allowed. Orientation of incoming residents will be virtual via zoom. Everybody will be tested for Covid. Testing will follow CDC guidelines. Anybody exposed will be quarantined but everybody will be able to start on time.

**e. Research (Dr. DeLafontaine).**

Research has been doing very well and funding this year may have been the best ever. SOM funding is at ~46% of total university funding and primate center is at ~40%. SOM grants represents 40% of total grants of the university. Clinical research is growing at a rapid pace with 396 studies in total (326 studies are open). Major research areas are in Infectious Diseases, Cardiovascular, Cancer and Women's Health and Pediatrics. New strategies to improve research mission are being pursued and include improving infrastructure and recruitment of faculty to vacant Chairs and leadership positions.

**f. Clinical Services (Dr Pridjian).**

Surgical volume was good before March. Since then it dropped significantly because of Covid. Elective surgeries were canceled. Towards end of April, new protocol was developed to bring patients into tier 2 surgeries which increased volume but not fully. Work continues to improve this situation. Currently we are able to schedule needed surgeries. Despite decrease in surgeries, tele-visits were increased substantially and remarkably fast.

**g. Questions:** Dr, Krane answered 2 questions about:

Monitoring on-line exams indicating that there are 2 ways of doing it. Using a Canvas facility that allows locking up students' computers during exams is a good way and has been used often. Dissection in Anatomy will not be done on cadavers because of the need to maintain distancing. This issue is being studied further.