

- I. Meeting was declared open by Elizabeth Norton, Ph.D., Chair of the GMF at 5:06 pm.
- II. GMF Budget and Approval of Minutes (Jacob P. Bitoun, Secretary-Treasurer of the GMF). Minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting were approved.
- III. Address- Michael A. Fitts, J.D. President of Tulane University
 - President Fitts thanks everyone the medical school, medical faculty, clinical faculty, we would not have survived with the faculty. The medical school was upfront getting testing done. Last year we did 0.5 million COVID tests. Now as we move into vaccines, we are up front in distributing the vaccines and boosters. SO many other universities couldn't come back because they didn't have SOM faculty take the initiative. The research faculty is doing great
 - We had Hurricane Ida. Telehealth for evacuated people. Can't thank everyone enough.
 - Shout out to research mission. There is nothing more important to a university or medical school. University research funding has gone up 50% over the last 3 years. Being ambitious in applying and securing grants. Critical important for the university and our society
 - Loss of power for Hurricane Ida. Committed to the solutions to fix the medical school grid. Other things the university is focusing on in supporting the medical school.
 - The charity Project—one third to one half 100,000 sq ft has been set aside for research
 - 1350 Gravier for housing for graduate students and faculty. Gym will be opening up
 - 17 buildings downtown
 - final piece is the innovation institute which will be launched in 6 months, philanthropic interest in that.
 - Sums up support for research at the medical school
 - A lot of work having been done in graduate medical education
 - Responding to ACGME's report and trying to exceed
 - Committed to EDI efforts across the univ. a great univ is a diverse univ. (attract creativity of all)
 - Beyond diversification, support everyone so that we can do our best work.
 - Group of appointments related to these efforts Benneta Horne is now assistant Dean.
 - Upgrading the administrative support for graduate medical education.
 - Search for a director of clinical operations with the hope to have a much stronger univ.
 - 95% of our students came back shortly after COVID closure
 - 46000 applications among undergraduates. 9% of students accepted. Jumps in applications and selectivity
 - We've been able to move forward. The alumni have been supportive of Tulane (in the middle of COVID)
 - Paul Hall Science and engineering building, broken ground on that
 - Caroline and Barber Pierre Cultural Center.
 - Students interest in coming to Tulane has never been higher.
 - IDA not easy because of loss of power

- Had to evacuate 3000 students in 3 hours 40 buses, Tulane in Houston. Cleaned out the uptown campus. Inspected 4000 student rooms, hundreds of buildings. Came back a little over a week ago
- Students rallied in that situation. Students came back in great fashion. First on campus football game in a year.
- The univ has come through in extremely well. Never been stronger as an institution.
- Happy to answer questions
- Q, Norton Is there any plan to increase the green space of downtown campus like the D-day Museum did. Answer Yes.
- When Charity is finalized, all the employees from 1555 Poydras will be moved to charity. We have to close on Charity then look at how all this works. 1515 Gravier, a police station down here is part of this as well.
- Q, any update on the gym? A, supposed to be done this fall. Warwick hotel has been delayed.
- Any plan to increase food options? It all goes together. Can't point to a specific location. Food is impt and has to be a central place to hang out.
- More people who work downtown than work uptown at Tulane univ. we have 17 buildings.
- Can you speak of the status of the swimming pool at Riley? Swimming pool did not have maintenance. It needs millions of dollars of repairs. It will not be available in the fall or spring. IT needs to be dug out and re planned.
- These things are great for the future but some of these things could be fixed in the short term. Tulane did an excellent job of feeding people for two weeks.
- President asks can you eat dinner on campus. Answer is no.
- Issues with resident's sleep. No call nurses.
- Cafeteria is nice but it's like going into a cave.
- Long term we will fix that but is there a short term fix.
- Anticipate so much growth downtown. Gap in engagement. This is what the univ plans to do requires involvement of the faculty.
- Huge benefit to visible changes.
- Great academic institution can't have its power go out.
- Thank you.

IV. Dean's Report—Lee Hamm, M.D., Senior Vice President and Dean

- Had slides but decided not to use them.
- Even though Ida was another challenge for med school and univ that has gotten used to challenges, the Tulane people rose to the occasion. Makes you proud to be part of Tulane.
- ACGME-DR Gladden is here. There is a lot going on with that. Appointed new Director of IO. Dr. Gladden is doing amazing things. Had resident town halls, dean office hours, roundtables. Been addressing resident workload. Non-teaching service. New nurse practitioners should be starting in weeks ahead.
- Doing other things related to EDI. Benneta Horne is not available today.
- Training broadly. Training across the board. Search committee training. Beginning in a couple weeks doing clinical site assessments of resident and teaching clinical faculty. Going through this more in later, again beginning in 2-3 weeks

- Professionalism program has gone very well. One thing that has been well utilized has been giving people kudos.
- Dean shows lists of type of reports from different classifications.
- Professionalism portal is one mechanism. Finally, part of the professionalism program is the guiding principles, school does quite well with education.
- We need to grow the clinical operations and the research mission.
- How we live as a medical school is important. A set of core principals, ethical integrity communication and drive for excellence.

V. Research and Scholarly Activities - Patrice Delafontaine, M.D., Executive Dean

- Started off year very well with research productivity. As of 09/15, ahead of last year in sponsored project awards. Federal awards, 1 million ahead represents a 10% increase year over year. Most of this is NIH awards. Submissions are ahead of last year. Value of grants submitted represent 30% increase over FY22.
- Clinical research continues to do well. 25% growth over the last year.
- Importance of SOM in growth of research dollars. Over 30% growth in research expenditures since last 3 years.

VI. Administrative Updates

- Office of Faculty Affairs – Marie Krousel-Wood, M.D., MSPH Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs
 - i. The administration appreciates all that the faculty do. Reception delayed due to Ida. Oct 11, Sue Pollack will lead clinical enterprise discussion
 - ii. Oct 25, scientific writing workshop
 - iii. Oct 31, all faculty evaluations are due
 - iv. All materials are available online.
 - v. We will send an email with the rest of the updates.
- Office of Graduate Medical Education – Paul Gladden, M.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education
 - i. Weekly ACGME meetings for oversight
 - ii. Meetings go on with programs directors and students will be added soon
 - iii. Students have done a great job to feed us. Gas was available. People say Dean Hamm working in the trenches during the storm. Thanks Diane and sue with their hotel work during the storm. Haven't seen happier program director group since he was here.
 - iv. A lot going on that we don't see. Norton rose, sensei group, lots of changes in policies.
 - v. AIR-oversight how we are doing with institutional review. How can we improve that. Meeting with clinical chairs.
 - vi. We have work left to do. Communications have gone through the roof. Transparency has to be there
 - vii. Trying to recruit new residents. How to? Lead with the truth. We are still accredited. Some programs have no problems whatsoever.
 - viii. EDI- learn a lot about yourself and your decision making from learned behavior.
 - ix. How upfront do the programs have to be when recruiting?
- Office of Multicultural Affairs – Bennetta C. Horne, M.S.
 - i. Stricken from agenda.

VII. New Business and Discussions.

- Dr. Norton opened the floor for questions, there were none.

VIII. Adjournment at 6:07