

- I. Meeting was declared open by Elizabeth Norton, Ph.D., Chair of the GMF at 5:07 pm.
- II. GMF Budget and Approval of Minutes (Jacob P. Bitoun, Secretary-Treasurer of the GMF). Minutes of the May 3, 2021, meeting were approved.
- III. Presentation of the Winners of the General Medical Faculty Election (Dr. Elizabeth Norton). Dr. Norton thanked Dr. Aysenne (former Chair of the GMF) and the Nominating Committee for their service and introduced the winners of the GMF elections.
- IV. Dean's Report—Lee Hamm, M.D., Senior Vice President and Dean, predominantly discussed the efforts underway to resolve the decision of the ACGME to place Tulane University School of Medicine on academic probation.
 - Apologies for not being in person.
 - Tulane SOM is faced with an extreme dilemma as outlined in a recent email titled "Important announcement about GME" on July 3, 2021.
 - Tulane GME has been put on probation by the Accreditation Council for General Medical Education (ACGME).
 - The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCMC) accredits the Medical School while the ACGME accredits the Residency/Fellowship programs.
 - Specific reasons cannot be discussed due to sensitivity of the matters.
 - The Dean outlined a strategic plan in place that can help alleviate future issues regarding the training of medical professionals.
 - A new task force has been formed to report lapses in professionalism and misconduct.
 - There is a renewed commitment to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion.
 - We need to improve resident workload.
 - The Dean mentioned that the School has retained Sensei Change Associates to assess Equality and Inclusion and we are waiting on their recommendations.
 - We are carrying out an internal review of the residency program.
 - This is a difficult time for GME, and it is a defining moment for the school.
 - The Dean provided a vignette on his own personal experience relating to medical training.
 - The Dean showed the results from the Resident's Report, which shows that in the midst of everything that's going on, 82% of respondees responded positively regarding Diversity and Inclusion, which is very close to the national average.
 - The Dean mentioned that the ACGME puts emphasis on what the residents think.
 - The Dean showed a photo of "15 White Coats" standing in front of slave quarters on Whitney Plantation. This photo has brought us positive press.
 - The Dean thanks Ms. Benntta Horne, Director of Multicultural Affairs and Ms. Gimble for their hard work and continued efforts.
 - We have 37 Residency/Fellowship programs.
 - From 2014 to 2020, Tulane's faculty has increased from 469 to 631, while closing the men: women gap.
 - From 2014 to 2020, Tulane has increased black faculty from 4% to 5% percent total faculty, an increase in percentage and absolute numbers.

- From 2014 to 2020, Tulane's Hispanic faculty remains at 6%, although there are two more Hispanic Faculty now than in 2020.
- We are all challenged with Guiding Principles of communication, accountability, and a drive toward excellence.
- The Dean shows some of the Reports from the Professionalism Program at the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE).
- Most cases are closed, and some cases were unable to be resolved.
- The platform is open to all users, but students tend to use the platform the most.

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

- Research is doing very well at the University, and we are only a few percentage points behind FY20 expenditures, which was a banner year.
- Primate Center is up ~20% from FY20.
- Clinical Trials expenditures are up 9% over FY20
- We are seeing an uptick in non-COVID trials, which may have been delayed during FY20.
- 404 open/in-pipeline studies and 2 new pending COVID studies
- SOM is up 15% in total grant submissions and up 26% in requested study dollars over FY20. Kudos to the faculty for writing more grants.
- 16 New Research Faculty were highlighted including Victor Thannickal (Chair of Medicine) and Demetrius Maragnore (Chair of Neurology). Together these faculty have 16.3M over FY21-FY26
- R38 Tulane StARR (Stimulating Access to Research in Residency) PIs Drs. Tonette Krousel Woods and Jay Kolls has 6 slots to increase the number and diversity of physician scientist in heart lung and blood disease research.
- Faculty Physician Scientist Pipeline Program (PSPP) provides support for junior investigators.

VI. Administrative Updates

- Office of Faculty Affairs – Marie Krousel-Wood, M.D., MSPH Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs
 - i. Faculty Self-Evaluations will be due on August 15, 2021
 - ii. Meet with Dept. Chairs by Sept 15, 2021
 - iii. New Faculty Orientation will be held at the Bioinnovation Center on September 8, 2021. This event is open to all SOM faculty, and all are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to the event.
 - iv. Tulane Faculty is growing at all ranks.
 - v. Intro to new faculty and kudos to faculty receiving promotions in Jan 2021 and July 2021.
- Office of Academic Affairs – Kevin Krane, M.D., Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
 - i. Showed the curriculum of Medical students which includes Phase I (normal physiology) and Phase 2 (aberrant physiology) in an integrated approach.
 - ii. Discussed the clinical phase of medical training, which includes a mandatory 4-week rotation in Community Health for non-MD/PhDs Medical students.
 - iii. The medical student curriculum is managed by the Curriculum Committee and subcommittees.
 - iv. One sub-committee is the Liaison Committee on Racial and Social Justice in Medical Education which have provided recommendations to the Curriculum Committee.

- v. There are now more volunteer opportunities for There is a new course management software, eMedley.
- vi. The pro is that a lecturer can now see all the content that comes before and after her own.
- vii. We are providing a reporting system for student concerns.
- viii. The Medical School's most recent accreditation was completed in 2019, and the LCMC granted accreditation for the maximal 8 years allowable.
- ix. There are select subsections on the Report that require an update. This update will be prepared and submitted to LCME in December of 2022.
- Office of Admissions & Student Affairs – Elma LeDoux, M.D., Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs
 - i. Medical school applications are up nationwide 35% year over year. Here at Tulane, we saw a 35% increase.
 - ii. For the incoming Class of 2025, there were 17,228 applicants for 190 seats.
 - iii. The Class of 2025 is broken down as follows: 98 female and 92 male, average age is 24, average MCAT is 508, average GPA is 3.52.
 - iv. There are students from 33 states and 7 different countries. Students matriculated from 105 different schools and colleges.
- Gabriella Pridjian, M.D., Associate Dean of Clinical Services
 - i. We are working hard to get back to pre-COVID clinic volume.
 - ii. Clinical volume is down from FY20.
 - iii. Before pandemic, surgical volume ran at ~800-1000 cases per month.
 - iv. Now, surgical volume ranges between 690-880 per month.
 - v. Reasons could be physicians come and go, diversion for certain services, and some patients are choosing to postpone elective surgeries
 - vi. Transplant is doing amazing.
 - vii. ED is up 4% over 2020 and 32% down from 2019.
 - viii. Average Daily Census (ADC) projected thru July is 6% up from 2020 and down 3% from 2019.
 - ix. Average Length of Stay (ALOS) is up 1% from 2020 and up 13% from 2019.
 - x. Outpatient is up 20% over CY20.

VII. New Business and Discussions.

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

VIII. Adjournment at 6:14