

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019**  
**10:00 – 11:30 AM**  
**ACADEMIC OFFICE ONE, 7TH FLOOR BOARDROOM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, School of Medicine and Chair

**MEMBERS:** Venu Akuthota, MD; Leslie Berg, PhD; Evalina Burger, MD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank deGruy, MD; Mark Dell'Acqua, PhD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Christopher Gessner; Herman Jenkins, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; David Norris, MD; David Raben, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; David Schwartz, MD; Ann Thor, MD; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Richard Zane, MD

**GUESTS:** Brenda Bucklin, MD; Peter Buttrick, MD; John Caldwell, PhD; Mark Couch; Barbara Genet D'Arcy, MD; Ellen Elias, MD; Thomas Flaig, MD; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, MS; Carolyn Goble; Allison Kempe, MD, MPH; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Sarah Miller; Abraham Nussbaum, MD; C. Lee Parmley, MD; Emily Rao, MD; Judy Regensteiner, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Suzann Ruedeman; Jane Schumaker; Christopher Smith; Cheryl Welch; Shanta Zimmer, MD

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Nicole Draper, MD; Chancellor Don Elliman; C. Neill Epperson, MD; Jena Hausmann; Sallie Houser-Hanfelder; Christopher Kleck, MD; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Connie Savor Price, MD; Ron Sokol, MD, MBA; Andrew Thorburn, DPhil; Kathleen Torkko, PhD; Ken Tyler, MD; Erik Wallace, MD

**I. GREETINGS:** *Dean Reilly and Peter Buttrick, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, (Dr. Buttrick led the executive committee meeting on behalf of Dean Reilly).*

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The February 15, 2019, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

**III. DEAN'S UPDATES:**

David Schwartz, MD, chair, department of medicine, announced that he is stepping down as chair of the department. A search committee is being formed by the Dean and a national search will be conducted.

Finalists were interviewed for the senior associate dean for administration and finance position and the top finalist made another visit to campus last week.

The search for chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics is still underway. The search committee provided names to the Dean and one finalist was invited back for final interviews.

Mark Dell'Acqua, PhD, vice chairman for the Department of Pharmacology, has been named director of the new Center for Neurotechnology, which will replace the Center for Neuroscience.

Michael Cancro, chief strategy officer for UC Health, has been named president of the UCHealth Integrated Network and will work to engage partnership with other providers and payers to improve the quality of care for patients.

Kelly Bookman, MD, vice chair of operations for the Department of Emergency Medicine and chief medical officer of UCHealth Broomfield Hospital, has been named the interim president of the hospital.

The April dean's updates include a list of bills under consideration at the Colorado General Assembly. Dr. Buttrick discussed the following proposed bills:

**House Bill 19-1241**, which is a program to support scholarships for students who commit to spending the initial part of their careers in rural Colorado. The bill would provide nearly \$1 million with half for scholarships and the other half for programmatic support.

**House Bill 19-1320**, which would require non-profit hospitals to have programs for community benefit. The bill sets up a structure of political appointees to determine what is considered a community benefit. The original draft of the legislation states that research and resident training are not a community benefit.

**Senate Bill 19-004**-Healthcare premiums are higher in rural Colorado than in urban areas. The proposed bill would develop a pool of money to offset those higher costs with funding collected from some hospitals.

Mark Kennedy, president, University of North Dakota, has been named the sole finalist for the president of the CU System. One hundred and sixty applicants were vetted by the search committee and six names were presented to the Board of Regents. The nomination process requires a 14-day period of comment at the end of which the Board of Regents votes on whether

to make an offer. An open forum with Kennedy is scheduled on the Anschutz Medical Campus on Wednesday April 24, at 3:30 p.m. in education building II north, room 1102.

Match Day was Friday, March 15. This year, one hundred sixty-nine CU medical students matched, with at least 35 matching in Colorado.

U.S. News and World Report released its annual rankings of medical schools in March. The CU School of Medicine was listed No. 12 on the primary care list and No. 30 on the research list. On the listings of programs, our Department of Pediatrics ranked No. 6 and Department of Family Medicine No. 7. In a separate listing of Graduate Schools Health Specialties programs, our Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program was ranked No. 7.

Congratulations to Richard Zane, MD, chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine, and the department for receiving the AWAEM Outstanding Department Award from the Academy for Women in Academic Emergency Medicine based on efforts for recruitment and retention of women in emergency medicine.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. Faculty Senate updates:** *David Raben, MD, Faculty Senate President:*

The April faculty senate meeting was held on Tuesday, April 9. The meeting included an overview on the updated CU employee benefits system. The faculty senate also discussed the current CU system presidential search and concerns with sole finalist Mark Kennedy. Dr. Raben can provide links on articles regarding presidential candidate Kennedy. There is also a letter from CU Faculty Council that addresses concerns about the lack of a diversity officer on the presidential search committee.

##### **B. Affiliate Updates:**

**VA:** *Clifford "Lee" Parmley, MD, Deputy Chief of Staff:* Dr. Parmley introduced Genet D'arcy, MD, who is the new associate chief of staff for education and will work with the office of academic affiliations to improve the VA's relationship with the University. The Mission Act goes into effect in June and highlights the clinical work of the VA but does not address the research and educational components which are essential in supporting the overall mission. The clinical mission is accomplished by the partnership with the University and the work done by the residents. The VA is grateful for the collaboration with the University in the recruitment of new service chiefs for neurology and emergency medicine. The VA is also working on addressing debt management and capacity issues and wants to be more strategic with patient transfers to University of Colorado Hospital and other affiliate hospitals.

**Denver Health:** Abraham Nussbaum, MD, Chief Education Officer and DIO: Dr. Nussbaum discussed SB19-234. Current law establishes Professional Review Committees which allows physicians to confidentially report and review errors. The legislation threatens the confidentiality protections. Denver Health has ongoing searches, including chief of service for obstetrics and gynecology and chief of service for orthopedics. Construction continues for the new outpatient medical center, which will expand capacity for specialty care and is scheduled to open in 2020. A special thank you to Dean Reilly and other faculty for supporting Denver Health Foundation's Nightshine Gala, held on Saturday, March 30.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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### **I. APPROVAL ITEMS**

- A.** Faculty promotions committee actions were approved unanimously.
- B.** Sr. clinical appointments and promotions committee actions were approved unanimously.
- C.** The professor emeritus appointment was approved unanimously.

### **II. FYI ITEMS**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

## Search Updates

The School of Medicine will be convening a committee to conduct a search for a new chair for the Department of Medicine. David Schwartz, MD, chair of medicine, announced in March that he will be stepping down.

Finalists for the position of Senior Associate Dean for Administration and Finance and Executive Director of University of Colorado Medicine have been interviewed.

Finalists for the position of chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics have been interviewed.

## Affiliate Updates

UCHealth has named Chief Strategy Officer Michael Cancro as president of the UCHealth Integrated Network, where he will work to engage a broad partnership of providers and payers to enhance care coordination, manage costs, and improve the quality of care for patients.

Kelly Bookman, MD, vice chair of operations for the Department of Emergency Medicine and chief medical officer of UCHealth Broomfield Hospital, has been named the interim president of the hospital while UCHealth conducts a search for a successor to Derek Rushing, who announced his plans to resign.

The Denver Health Foundation NightShine Gala in March raised money to support Denver Health and featured the Ernest E. Moore Shock Trauma Center.

## Legislative Updates

The University of Colorado Office of Government Relations is monitoring and has contacted campus subject matter experts regarding bills under consideration at the Colorado General Assembly:

- **House Bill 19-1001** requires the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to develop an annual report detailing uncompensated hospital costs. Gov. Polis has signed into law.
- **House Bill 19-1009** provides funding to support housing assistance for individuals with a substance abuse disorder and creates an opioid crisis recovery fund. Passed Public Health Care and Human Services Committee and now pending in House Appropriations Committee.
- **House Bill 19-1010** creates a freestanding emergency department license. Passed House and pending in Senate.
- **House Bill 19-1041** requires hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to adopt and implement a policy eliminating surgical smoke. Gov. Polis has signed into law.
- **House Bill 19-1076** adds e-cigarettes to the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act. Pending in House.
- **House Bill 19-1083** changes regulation of athletic trainers from registration to licensure. Gov. Polis has signed into law.
- **House Bill 19-1088** extends availability of the health care preceptor tax credit through tax year 2024 and modifies definition of preceptorship from lasting four weeks to lasting four working weeks, or 20 business days. Pending in House Appropriations Committee.

- **House Bill 19-1095** eliminates restriction limiting how many physician assistants may be supervised by a licensed physician and other changes. Passed House and pending in Senate Health and Human Services Committee.
- **House Bill 19-1120** allows a minor 12 years or older to seek and obtain psychotherapy services without consent of the minor's parent or guardian. Passed Public Health Care and Human Services Committee and pending in House Appropriations Committee.
- **House Bill 19-1168** creates a reinsurance program to provide reinsurance payments to health insurers to aid in paying high-cost insurance claims. Passed House and introduced in Senate.
- **House Bill 19-1241** requires the School of Medicine to provide scholarships to students who commit in writing to living and serving as physicians in rural Colorado for at least four years upon completion of their residency training as long as the state provides an appropriation. Pending in House Appropriations Committee.
- **House Bill 19-1320** limits what nonprofit hospitals can declare as a community benefit investment and creates boards appointed by the executive director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to determine what is allowed. Introduced in House.
- **Senate Bill 19-001** expands the medication-assisted treatment pilot program, administered by the CU College of Nursing, from its current two counties to include counties in the San Luis Valley and two additional counties. Passed Senate and introduced in House.
- **Senate Bill 19-004** authorizes the state personnel director to explore offering, and, if feasible, creating a pilot program to offer group medical benefits available to state employees to those living in an area of the state affected by high health insurance premiums. Introduced in Senate.
- **Senate Bill 19-005** calls on the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to design a program to import prescription pharmaceutical products from Canada for sale to Colorado consumers. Passed Senate and introduced in House.
- **Senate Bill 19-008** addresses substance abuse treatment for persons in the criminal justice system. Pending in Senate Finance Committee.
- **Senate Bill 19-013** expands the list of disabling medical conditions that are authorized to use medical marijuana to include conditions for which a physician could prescribe an opiate. Passed Senate and pending in House Health and Insurance Committee.
- **Senate Bill 19-079** requires medical professionals to use electronic prescribing of opioids effective July 1, 2021. Gov. Polis has signed into law.
- **Senate Bill 19-133** would require a license to practice genetic counseling. Passed Senate and pending in House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee.

## Institutional Updates

The University of Colorado Board of Regents have named Mark Kennedy, president of the University of North Dakota, as the finalist for the position of president of the University of Colorado System. Kennedy, 61, who has been president of the University of North Dakota since 2016, is a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota from 2001 to 2007. Prior to his time in elected office, he was an executive with companies that became Macy's and General Mills. He is scheduled to visit the CU campuses the week of April 22.

One hundred sixty-nine CU School of Medicine students were notified of their residency placements at Match Day events on March 15.

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The Academy for Women in Academic Emergency Medicine notified the CU School of Medicine Department of Emergency Medicine that it has been selected to receive the AWAEM Outstanding Department Award for its efforts to promote the recruitment, retention, advancement, and leadership of women in academic emergency medicine.

Heather Cassidy, MD, assistant professor of medicine, has been named the assistant dean for community-based medical education. She serves as director of community engagement at the School of Medicine's Colorado Springs Branch, where she works closely with medical students, faculty, and local community partners to address health disparities and advance community health.

Ami Giardina, DNP, MHA, RN, has joined CU Medicine as vice president for community practice to provide executive oversight of CU School of Medicine's freestanding clinics. She has experience in clinical operations with large providers in Illinois and most recently she been serving as chief accountable care officer for North Central Arizona Accountable Care in Prescott, Ariz.

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and UCHHealth honored The Anschutz Foundation and The Marcus Foundation at the Benefactor Recognition Dinner in February.