Faculty Senate Minutes – 19 September 2023

- June minutes approved.

Dean's Update – Dean Riley

- Dean Riley clarified HR issue brought up by Dr. Henn, current Faculty Senate president. Confirmed that clinical faculty will be able to use the vacation dates between Christmas and New Years
- New head of Radiology, Dr. Ihab Kamel from John Hopkins
- Dr. Lillehei has announced that he will be stepping down as chair of Neurosurgery and starting steering committee for his replacement. Dr. Mandava is chairing the search committee. Email Dean Riley or Dr. Mandava with any suggestions
- HR decision to move to CVS Caremark, not from the SOM, feedback has been that CVS/Caremark is not as responsive as it should be. Some concerns:
    - It should be easier for clinicians to transfer prescriptions in Epic
    - Only 1 CVS pharmacy in the Boulder area

  There will be healthcare savings to the University as we are self-insured but some have higher costs.
  There is recognition that this roll out could have been done much better.
  Email Tony DeCrosta with any concerns as he is the head of the Health and Welfare Trust, he is looking for specific examples.

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Faculty Senate President - Dr. Henn

- Faculty Senate Orientation (reviewed PowerPoint presentation)
- Curriculum Steering Committee Representative – open position now that Dr. Tyler Anstett is the President-Elect

Pager Turn in Process - Warren Beddell (OIT representative)

- Warren Beddell and Dolores Grant-Simon are point people.
- Pagers are being decommissioned.
- OIT will service pagers as long as they are active but once the pagers are deactivated, they are not anticipated to be re-activated.
- OIT will not cancel devices without warning.
- OIT encourages all users to cancel all pagers ASAP to avoid continuing to pay for pagers.
- Lost pagers – cancel them
- Pagers are not prorated; billing cycle ends on 3/9
- Helpful websites/email:

https://www.ucdenver.edu/docs/default-source/offices-oit-documents/general/bulk-pager-cancellation-template.xlsx
https://www.cuanschutz.edu/offices/office-of-information-technology/tools-services/paging-services

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Department of Ophthalmology Updates – Dr. Seibold

- Dr. Naresh Mandava really has brought forth a vision to grow the Department over the last 15 years and recruit faculty.
- Very collegial group which they credit to their success.
    - Grown from 12-15 faculty to 81 faculty over 4 clinic sites, 20 secondary faculty
    - 8 different sections with fellowships in each of the sections (currently 24 residents, 9 fellows)
    - 48 research staff and postdoctoral fellows
    - Since 2020, 61 patents
    - 2021-2023 32 research grants
    - 30 active clinical trials
    - 129,000+ patient visits by CU faculty FY2023, 6900+ surgeries in FY2023

- They are innovating to help with access – e.g. bilateral cataract surgeries, moving cataract surgery from OR to procedural room
- They have built their own training programs at every level (e.g. Ophthalmic Assistant Academy, Ophthalmic Tech Bootcamp Training, Ophthalmic Scribe Academy, Ophthalmic High School Internship Program)

- Major research programs in: macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataract and lens disorders, diabetic eye disease, artificial medical intelligence, translational research – device development, regenerative medicine, epidemiology, Cochrane Review
- One of the first sites in the world to use gene therapy.
- CellSight – Ocular Stem Cell and Regeneration Research Program
    - Retinal transplant to treat age-related macular degeneration.
- One of 10 companies have come out of the Department, Kahook Dual Blade
- Division of Ophthalmic Epidemiology Registry – opportunities for all learners and faculty to use.
- Cochrance Eyes and Vision – "methodological 'hub' to train and assist ophthalmologists, optometrists, and others interested in vision science with methodology of systematic reviews."
- Lots of expansion in the works – improving access, 3-4 new fellowship spots, expansion from 3 ORs to 7 ORs, recruitment of physicians and staff, AI, outcomes/basic/translational research