EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020
10:00 AM
ACADEMIC OFFICE ONE, 7TH FLOOR BOARDROOM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Venu Akuthota, MD; Leslie Berg, PhD; Evalina Burger van der walt, MD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank deGruy, MD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Nicole Draper, MD; Herman Jenkins, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Michael Kilmer; Naresh Mandava, MD; David Norris, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Ann Thor, MD; Andrew Thorburn, DPhil; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS: Scott Arthur; Peter Buttrick, MD; John Caldwell, PhD; Karen Chacko, MD; Mark Couch; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD; Michael Harris-Love, PT, MPT, DSc; Thomas Jansson, MD, PhD; Allison Kempe, MD, MPH; Allison Krebs; Sheri LeBeau; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Sarah Miller; Clifford “Lee” Parmley, MD; Huntington Potter, MD; Brian T. Smith; Christopher Smith

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jaime Arruda, MD; Julia Cooper, PhD; Mark Dell’Acqua, PhD; Don Elliman; C. Neill Epperson, MD; Chris Gessner; Jena Hausmann; Alma Juels, MD; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Connie Savor Price, MD; David Raben, MD; John J. Reilly, Jr., MD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; David Schwartz, MD; Ron Sokol, MD, Ken Tyler, MD; Erik Wallace, MD

I. GREETINGS
Peter Buttrick, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, chaired the Tuesday, February 21, 2020 executive committee meeting on behalf of Dean Reilly.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The January 21, 2020, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN’S UPDATES
The two chair searches for the Department of Medicine and Department of Family Medicine are underway and moving forward with interviewing candidates.

There are ongoing discussions around the public health insurance option which would include rate setting for hospital reimbursements that would be controlled by state government. Mark Couch mentioned the recent advertising campaigns opposed to the public state option in terms of how it will impact healthcare in rural Colorado. An editorial recently submitted by the Lt. Governor discussed how certain hospitals, including Denver Health and National Jewish, are pillars of the Colorado community and need to be protected from mega hospitals systems. The Colorado Hospital Association is proposing a total cost of care concept.

Mark also mentioned that the Trump administration proposed a Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule, which would reduce funding available to CU’s practice plan from approximately $70 million dollars per year down to $3-$10 million dollars per year. Since 2017, faculty have treated nearly 62,000 new Medicaid patients. Some programs established with this funding would be eliminated if the new rule is adopted. The Dean sent a letter for public comment and the Dean and Chancellor are going to Washington, DC to discuss with legislators.

Lawmakers in the Colorado General Assembly have introduced bills that would allow licensing of genetic counselors (SB20-040), mandate health plan coverage of colorectal cancer screening (HB20-1103), and set new rules related to providing childhood vaccinations (HB20-1239). Bills have not been introduced on several other topics, including changes to limits on damages that can be collected from malpractice lawsuits against state employees and mechanisms for a state-mandated public option for health insurance. The CU state governmental relations team is monitoring and reporting to University leadership.

Children’s hospital is expanding its footprint in Colorado Springs with the addition of a new downtown outpatient clinic and more inpatient beds at its Colorado Springs hospital.

Christina Reimer, MD, has been named the assistant dean for the School of Medicine branch in Fort Collins.

Discussion Items:

A. **Update from Office of Advancement:** Scott Arthur, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, and Allison Krebs, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement (see attached slides for additional information)

The office of advancement is shifting from transactional/need-based philanthropy to visionary philanthropy based on what benefactors want to accomplish.

An increase of gifts is due to a new engagement program and reaching out to potential donors at all levels. Gift officers are focusing on stewardship and spending time with people who are interested in growing the size of gifts over time. Most gifts have a connection to patient philanthropy.
The advancement team understands the importance of recruiting and retaining the most talented faculty in the country, however it is difficult to compete with other institutions that have large endowments and therefore focus on having endowed chairs.

Incentive programs for benefactors are thanks to the support from Dean Reilly. This involves leveraging a pool of institutional funds to inspire benefactors to make large gifts, as well as scholarship incentives and an acceleration program, which is a way to incent donors to give to endowment campaigns.

Challenges with obtaining donations include changing financial markets that impact donors and their ability to make commitments every year; continued focus on stewardship; as well as the advancement team budget. The office of advancement relies on institutional support from the Dean and the Chancellor to support the work done by their team. Other challenges involve communicating with benefactors on overhead costs as most benefactors don’t understand the actual cost of research.

B. Faculty Senate Updates: Nicole Draper, MD, Vice Chair of Education, Associate Professor of Clinical Practice, Department of Pathology, and Faculty Senate President (see attached slides for additional information): Carol Rumack, MD, associate dean, Graduate Medical Education, provided the annual GME update at the January 2020 faculty senate meeting. Mandy Doria, MS, triage mental health counselor, discussed mental health services available to residents and students on the Anschutz Medical Campus, including clinics in both the Fitzsimons building and Wellness Center. The clinics recently added mental health counselors, addiction specialists, and eating disorder specialists to their teams.

C. Affiliate updates from the VA Eastern Colorado Healthcare System: Michael T. Kilmer, Director: The VA received approval to keep a part of the old VA campus to be used for primary care space. The VA received approval to relocate and expand to an Aurora clinic which should be done in next two years. A new clinic is being built in Castle Rock that will include six teams.

The VA and the School are in the process of forming an Affiliations Advisory Committee to address academic training, residency, research, other programs partnered between the VA and the School.

Representatives from the Office of Academic Affiliates in D.C. will be visiting the Denver VA to review its entire residency training program. Carolyn Clancy, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, DEAN, VHA, is working on improving training programs.
I. APPROVAL ITEMS
   A. Faculty Promotions committee actions were unanimously approved.