

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020
10:00 AM
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Members present indicated in **bold** and guests present noted, below. A total of 58 were in attendance today.

MEMBERS:

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

Venu Akuthota, MD; Jamie Arruda, MD; Leslie Berg, PhD; Evalina Burger, MD; Julie Cooper, PhD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank deGruy, MD; Mark Dell'Acqua, PhD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Nicole Draper, MD; Donald Elliman, Chancellor; Neill Epperson, MD; Christopher Gessner; Jena Hausmann; Herman Jenkins, MD; Alma Juels, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Michael Kilmer; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; David Norris, MD; Connie Savor Price, MD; David Raben, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; David Schwartz, MD; Ron Sokol, MD; Ann Thor, MD; Andrew Thorburn, DPhil; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Ken Tyler, MD; Erik Wallace, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS:

Scott Arthur; Peter Buttrick, MD; Karen Chacko, MD; Jessica Cordova; Mark Couch; Genet D'Arcy, MD; Amira Del Pino-Jones, MD; Jeffrey Druck, MD; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, MS; Carolyn Goble; Michael Harris-Love, PT, MPT, DSc; Heather Hume; Allison Krebs; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MBA; Sarah Miller; Chanthy Na; Michael Narkewicz, MD; Christie Osborne, MD; C. Lee Parmley, MD; Allison Reeds; John Repine, MD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Suzann Ruedeman; Brian T. Smith; Christopher Smith; Jeffrey Soohoo, MD; Rob Stiner; Cheryl Welch; Duncan Wilcox, MD; Shanta Zimmer, MD

I. GREETINGS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 19, 2020, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN'S UPDATES

Congratulations to the faculty and university hospital partners on the Anschutz Medical Campus for the national recognition they received last week. *Newsweek* released a poll of top ranked hospitals in the U.S. and the University of Colorado Hospital is ranked #12 in the nation. *US News and World Report* released national rankings for children's hospitals, and Children's Hospital of Colorado Hospital is ranked #6 in the nation; and the Division of

Gastrointestinal Surgery ranked #1 for subspecialty surgery departments in the U.S.

The Dean's Office is pleased to welcome Jeffrey Soohoo, MD, associate professor of ophthalmology, as the new assistant dean of admissions, and Amira Del Pino Jones, MD, assistant professor of internal medicine, as the new assistant dean of student life.

The Colorado State Legislature adjourned yesterday, Monday June 15, and the state budget was sent to Governor Jared Polis. The new state budget includes a 58% cut to the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Campus leadership has been communicating with senators at the federal level advocating for provisions to a senate bill in order to provide relief to clinical providers to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, including holidays and payment for student loans. U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-Colorado) is supportive of the bill, and the campus leadership team is scheduled to meet with U.S. Junior Senator Cory Gardner (R-Colorado) next week.

Colorado Governor Polis is reviewing more bills that will have an impact on the Anschutz Medical Campus. The first bill relates to capital funding for the new Anschutz Health Sciences Building, which passed the senate 35-0. The second bill relates to increasing vaccination rates for school aged children in Colorado, which is supported by several faculty on the campus.

The Colorado Nutrition Obesity Research Center has been notified by the National Institutes of Health that its program grant has been renewed for five years. The center is receiving \$5.83 million in funding for its programs and an additional \$150,000 to support pilot project awards to researchers from diverse backgrounds.

White Coats for Black Lives organized a Kneel for Justice event on the Anschutz Medical Campus on Friday, June 5. Hundreds gathered to call for racial justice and health equity.

Discussion Items:

1. Education Updates- *Shanta Zimmer, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Education, and Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion:*

Thanks to Carol Rumack, MD, associate dean for Graduate Medical Education and her team, who put together virtual orientation events for GME programs, which started today, Tuesday June 16. Fellowship programs are preparing for interviews over the summer. The GME team has also been working with Mark Couch, director of communications and his team, to put together video footage as a recruitment tool for those who are not able to visit the campus in person.

The Minority Allied and Resident Council (MARC) was established in order to improve diversity and equity in clinical environments.

On the Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) side, program directors are putting together virtual orientation events for incoming medical students and are also considering in-person small group activities to do team and community building for the students.

MS2 students are returning to campus this summer. Program directors will be walking through lab space this week to ensure that students will be able to participate in wet labs. Many labs will be running in longer periods of time in order to take more small groups of students which also requires more staffing in labs. Program directors will also be running more clinical skills tests over the weekends.

Medical students have also returned to the clinical space and there is still a concern for strains on PPE at nearly every clinical site. Denver Health and Children's Hospital are able to provide PPE to students but there are concerns regarding the availability of hospital gowns in surgical spaces. The University of Colorado Hospital is piloting a punch card program to allow students to have access to a limited number of gowns to get back into some surgical cases.

Anesthesiology has been removed from core clinical rotations for third year medical students this year but will be offered as an elective for those students during the early part of their fourth year rotations for next year.

Department chairs and representatives on diversity leadership teams received demographic information on faculty regarding race and ethnicity. Approximately 900 faculty have blank or unknown identities for race and ethnicity in the faculty database. There is an opportunity for faculty to update their information on race and ethnicity so that the University has a better understanding of faculty demographics.

Dr. Reilly discussed the research reopening on the campus. Overall, research activity is doing well, and this week 100% of lab-based personnel were allowed to return to campus. All personnel who have returned to campus are still required to follow check-in procedures, wear wristbands, and observe social distancing guidelines in labs and buildings. Those who are not required to be on campus to do research, including analyzing data, should continue to work remotely.

Tom Flaig, MD, Vice Chancellor for Research, and his team are developing a tiered hierarchy for reopening human research studies on campus, with a priority for getting human subjects involved in studies for COVID therapy. Community based researchers are also hoping to begin working with research subjects in the community.

The campus re-opening efforts are designed to minimize the risks associated with COVID exposure at work. If employees contract COVID, there needs to be sufficient information to do contact tracing and quarantining and testing of employees as appropriate.

Thanks to Ann Thor, MD, chair, Department of Pathology, and partners at UHealth, there are now diagnostic testing abilities, including antibody testing, for COVID-19.

Clinical providers are moving back towards pre-COVID levels of clinical volume and everyone is waiting to see if there is a second surge of cases now that society is reopening. As of now, trends for hospital admissions and clinical care show a continued decline at Denver Health and University of Colorado Hospital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*There was no executive session for today's executive committee meeting. Cheryl Welch, director of Faculty Affairs, circulated faculty promotional updates via email to department chairs prior to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.