

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021
10:00 AM
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Members and guests in attendance noted below.

MEMBERS:

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

Venu Akuthota, MD; Jaime Arruda, MD; Gregory Bocsi, MD; Evalina Burger, MD; Julie Cooper, PhD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; C. Neill Epperson, MD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Herman Jenkins, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Naresh Mandava, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; David Schwartz, MD; Ron Sokol, MD; Ann Thor, MD; Ken Tyler, MD

GUESTS:

Suzanne Brandenburg, MD; Peter Buttrick, MD; Thomas Campbell, MD; Karen Chacko, MD; Colleen Conry, MD; Jessica Cordova; Mark Couch; Barbara (Genet) D'Arcy, MD; Ellen Elias, MD; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, MS; Carolyn Goble; Michael Harris-Love, PT, MPT, DSc; Alma Juels, MD; Allison Kempe, MD; Alison Krebs; Sarah Miller; Chanthy Na; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Abraham Nussbaum, MD; David Pollock, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Suzann Ruedeman; Carol Rumack, MD; Brian T. Smith; Christopher Smith; Linda van Dyk, PhD; Cheryl Welch

I. GREETINGS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 16, 2021, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN'S UPDATES

The Colorado State Legislature is still in session. There was a modest increase in legislative allocation to the University of Colorado. Language in the state's budget to pull down the full Upper Payment Limit match which will likely go to Governor Polis for signature.

Congratulations to Heide Ford, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Grohne Endowed Chair in Cancer Research, and Leslie Coker Appiah, MD, visiting associate professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for being nominated to and accepted by the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program at Drexel University. Congratulations also to Cathy Bradley,

PhD, deputy director of the CU Cancer Center, who was also accepted as an incoming fellow to the ELAM program.

Dr. Reilly attended the oath ceremony for students who received a Doctor of Physical Therapy from the Physical Therapy Program on April 5, 2021. Students and faculty attended in person while family and friends were able to watch the ceremony via live stream.

The School of Medicine announced it is creating a new position of Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development. A special thanks to Julie Cooper, PhD, chair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, for chairing the search committee. The job description is now posted on CU Careers and those interested in the position are encouraged to apply.

The new Anschutz Health Sciences Building remains on schedule and slightly under budget and is scheduled to open on August 25, 2021. Programs and departments are scheduled to move in the last week of August and first week of September 2021.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Faculty Senate Updates: *Jaime Arruda, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Practice, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Director of Robotic Surgery; Assistant Program Director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS); and Faculty Senate President*, reported on the March 2021 Faculty Senate meeting. Tyler Anstett, DO, assistant professor of Hospital Medicine, was elected as the Faculty Senate representative for the Curriculum Steering Committee. Dr. Anstett provided an update on the Longitudinal Trek curriculum. The curriculum involves foundational teaching in the early years followed by individualized curriculum in the third year, with a focus on preparing for residency in the fourth year. The new curriculum is projected to start in July 2021. The Faculty Senate asked how the teaching faculty's interactions with students will change and whether there are opportunities for serving as longitudinal mentors. Brian T. Smith, senior associate dean for administration and finance and executive director for CU Medicine, provided a finance update on the School of Medicine. Mr. Smith reported there was a growth in grant applications and research dollars. While there was a decrease in clinical revenue during COVID, Mr. Smith reported that 2021 trends on the adult side of clinical care are returning to pre-COVID levels. Mr. Smith also addressed a reduction in pediatric clinical volume. While it is good to see a decrease in respiratory illness and disease in children, this also has an impact on pediatric clinical revenue. Cindy O'Bryant, PharmD, professor of clinical pharmacy, provided an update on the Office of Digital Education (ODE). The office was established at the downtown Denver campus a couple of years ago to support programs and departments that want to offer online degrees. CU President Mark Kennedy is committed to expanding CU's presence in online education. Dr. O'Bryant discussed the function of the ODE, which will work with School of Medicine teaching faculty on issues such as overlap between online and in person programs, responsibility for oversight and teaching, and monitoring the quality of teaching for the online programs.

D. Affiliate updates from VA and Denver Health

Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Healthcare System: *Barbara (Genet) D'Arcy, MD, associate chief of staff for education*, reported on construction of a building just north of the employee parking garage, which will house a PTSD unit and additional parking. The VA is recruiting a head of mental health. This position does not have to be a psychiatrist, but can be a social worker or psychologist who will

oversee the mental health programs at the VA. Lisa Smith, MD was named head of the Psychiatry section.

Denver Health and Hospital Authority: *Abraham Nussbaum, MD, Chief Education Officer and DIO,* noted there are continuing searches for directors of service at Denver Health.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. APPROVAL ITEMS

- A. Faculty promotions committee actions were unanimously approved.
- B. Professor Emeritus appointments were unanimously approved.