

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 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; Jamie Arruda, MD; Leslie Berg, PhD; Gregory Bocsi, DO, MS; Evalina Burger, MD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank DeGruy, MD; Herman Jenkins, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Naresh Mandava, MD; David Norris, MD; Connie Savor Price, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; David Schwartz, MD; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD; Ken Tyler, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS:

Thomas Beresford, MD; Suzanne Brandenburg, MD; Peter Buttrick, MD; Thomas Campbell, MD; Karen Chacko, MD; Mark Couch; Barbara (Genet) D'Arcy, MD; Brian Dwinnell, MD; Melissa Feig; Tom Finger, PhD; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, MS; Carolyn Goble; Michael Harris-Love, PT, MPT, DSc; Alma Juels, MD; Allison Kempe, MD; Alison Krebs; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Michael Miller; Sarah Miller; John Moore; Chanthy Na; Michael Narkewicz, MD; L. Clifford Parmley, MD; David Pollock, PhD; Judith Regensteiner, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Carol Rumack, MD; Brian T. Smith; Cheryl Welch; Shanta Zimmer, MD

I. GREETINGS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 18, 2021, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN'S UPDATES

The Dean announced Angie Ribera, PhD, as the new associate dean for research education. Dr. Ribera will oversee the transition of biomedical PhD programs from the Graduate School to the School of Medicine.

CU President Mark Kennedy is stepping down, effective July 1. The CU Board of Regents appointed Todd Saliman, chief financial officer and senior vice president for strategy and government relations, University of Colorado, as interim president. The Board will launch a search for a new president.

Thanks to everyone in the Office of Student Life, particularly Zack Strober, senior director of events and partnerships, and Haylee Shacklock, program director in Student Life, for putting together the medical

school graduation so that each student could invite two vaccinated guests to attend the in-person ceremony held on the Boettcher Commons on Friday, May 28, 2021.

CU Medicine has signed an agreement with Salud Family Health, Inc. to form a joint venture creating the Aurora Community Health Commons.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. New Medical School Curriculum Launch:** *(see attached slides for additional information).*
The new curriculum will launch on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Richard Zane, MD, chair of Emergency Medicine, asked if there has been consideration to truncating medical school to less than four years given the time and financial burden for the students. Dr. Zimmer said that one of the advantages of the new curriculum design is that it could potentially move to the model of a less than four-year medical school. There are a few examples where the three-year curriculum is being heralded to get more people into primary care because those students will be fast tracking into primary care residencies. The competency-based approach will allow students to demonstrate to departments that they have achieved competency at the end of their three years of medical school and are ready for residency. The added space in the fourth year will allow students to do more research and scholarly work, however they could also be prepared to go into residency.

Dr. Reilly acknowledged the tremendous amount of work by Dr. Zimmer and everyone involved in the new medical school curriculum, which was not made any easier by the pandemic, which put stress on clinical systems and temporarily took students out of the clinical environment.

- B. Proposed changes to the rules of the School of Medicine:** *(see attached slides for additional information).* The proposed changes to the rules are expected to be voted on at a future School of Medicine Executive Committee meeting.

- C. IT Update: Secure Local Compute Environment (SLCE):** *Michael G. Miller, Director of IT, School of Medicine (see attached slides for additional information).*

Dr. Reilly noted that those who have their own servers for their departments or research groups are encouraged to explore the new SLCE option, particularly because of the security and encrypted backup features.

- D. 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 May 2021 Faculty Senate meeting. The Faculty Senate acknowledged Dr. Ribera on her new position as associate dean for research education. Tyler Anstett, DO, assistant professor of Hospital Medicine, provided a medical school curriculum update. The school will be moving back to a regular teaching format starting in June 2021 and the new curriculum will launch in July 2021. A call was put out for faculty interested in teaching foundational science

modules. Guest speaker Chris Gessner, president and CEO of the University of Colorado Hospital, provided an in-depth update on the construction plans for the new tower being built at the hospital on the Anschutz Medical Campus, which is estimated to open in 2022-2023. The new tower will include an additional 120 beds, 2 medical surgical units with 36 beds each, 2 new ICU units with 24 beds each, shelved out for additional space of 72 beds, and an additional 8 operating rooms. The new tower will also have a locked behavioral health unit that has undergone thoughtful planning with connections to the community, including managing referrals and moving those patients to the next step in treatment. Mr. Gessner addressed concerns about staffing and retention particularly for the nurses and hospital staff. He also addressed gender disparities and how to manage child care options on campus, specifically for those who are working through COVID and have child care needs when working at the hospital. Mr. Gessner confirmed that UCH will require vaccinations for all employees in the fall of 2021. He also discussed how to handle trainees at expansion sites in Highlands Ranch and Cherry Creek.

E. Affiliate updates from VA and Denver Health

Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Healthcare System: *Clifford Lee Parmley, MD, chief of staff,* reported that Denver's VA facility is developing support for the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship rollout. The VA is finalizing physical space and identifying available funding options. The VA does not anticipate any change in its masking policy for federal health care facilities in the immediate future. The VA will be having a safety standdown to address issues discovered at two other VA facilities.

Barbara (Genet) D'Arcy, MD, associate chief of staff for education, reported on the onboarding process for residents and fellows at the VA. The VA will begin onboarding 140 individuals beginning Wednesday, June 16, for those who are slated to start as PGY 1 residents in the next year. There is an interval for badging for 10 individuals who cannot be sponsored for a badge. Three of those individuals are not U.S. citizens and the VA only allows hires for citizens. Those individuals will need visas that indicate approval to work at the VA. The other individuals are waiting on fingerprints to be cleared nationally or have not yet been fingerprinted. PGY 2 and 3 residents and fellows will begin the onboarding process in the next few weeks.

Denver Health and Hospital Authority: *Connie Savor Price, MD, Chief Medical Officer,* noted that Denver Health is continuing with its searches for director of anesthesia and pediatric services. Six candidates are advancing to the next round for the director of service for pediatrics with second-round interviews starting this month. The search for director of anesthesia is still gathering a broader pool of candidates for first round interviews. Denver Health has not yet launched a search for director of surgery service and plans to start the search in late summer or early fall 2021. Denver Health is working on provider engagement and solicited proposals related to tactics to prevent provider burnout. Denver Health is launching another round of pilot research projects for investigators to apply for seed money. Denver Health has not decided if its employees will be mandated to get their COVID vaccines but is looking forward to aligning with the other campuses to make it easier on house staff and faculty who work at both campuses. Dr. Reilly noted that employees on the Anschutz Medical Campus will be required to be vaccinated by September 1, 2021, however emergency medicine residents are hired through Denver Health.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. APPROVAL ITEMS

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