



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

10:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting

(In-Person and via Zoom Teleconference)

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS:

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

Venu Akuthota, MD; Gregory Bocsi, DO, MS; Evalina Burger, MD; Vineet Chopra, MD; Julie Cooper, PhD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Neill Epperson, MD; Herman Jenkins, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; Myra Muramoto, MD; David Norris, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Ann Thor, MD; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD; Ken Tyler, MD

GUESTS:

Patricia Balodis; Thomas Campbell, MD; Karen Chacko, MD; Mark Couch; Barbara (Genet) D'Arcy, MD; Mark Dell'Acqua, PhD; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, MS; Carolyn Goble; Casey Greene, PhD; Allison Kempe, MD; Alma Juels, MD; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Sarah Miller; John Moore; Chanthy Na; Michael Narkewicz, MD; Olawunmi (Wunmi) Ogunwo, JD; L. Clifford Parmley, MD; Judy Regensteiner, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Carol Rumack, MD; Suzann Ruedeman; Brian T. Smith; Ron Sokol, MD; Chesney Thompson, MD; Linda van Dyk, PhD; Sudheer Vemuru, MD; Duncan Wilcox, MD; Shanta Zimmer, MD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 21, 2021, meeting minutes were unanimously adopted as presented.

DEAN'S UPDATES:

The Dean welcomed Myra Muramoto, MD, the new chair of the Department of Family Medicine, and Vineet Chopra, MD, the new chair of the Department of Medicine.

The new Anschutz Health Sciences Building is scheduled to be substantially completed by next week with the hope that the certificate of occupancy will be granted to start move-in procedures after Thanksgiving.

Clinical chairs should have received the Upper Payment Limit distribution for the Fall of 2021.

The state of Colorado's tax revenues have rebounded more quickly than state budget forecasters had previously anticipated. As a result, the state will be required to refund taxes under the state constitution's Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. This refund has the potential to impact the amount of money the school can draw down in the Upper Payment Limit program. The school is working through these issues to maximize the amount the school can qualify for over the next couple of years.

National Jewish Health is opening a new center for outpatient health on its campus near the corner of Colfax Avenue and Colorado Boulevard, which will be a substantial increase in its ambulatory footprint.

The Anschutz Medical Campus has extended the Care@Work by Care.com family care subscription program so that faculty, staff, and students can continue to access those services over the course of the upcoming year.

The CU Board of Regents is initiating a search for the next president of the University of Colorado and is in the process of identifying members of a search committee.

The Dean noted active searches within the school, including chairs for the departments of Physiology and Biophysics and Pharmacology, with both searches in discussions with finalist candidates. There is also an active search for senior associate dean for faculty development, and there has been a few rounds of interviews

with finalists. Peter Buttrick, MD, senior associate dean for academic affairs, is leading the search for the new director of the Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine. The job has been posted online and the search committee is scheduled to meet in a few weeks to review applications.

The school will be soliciting members for search committees for chair of the departments of radiology and dermatology in the next couple of months.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Faculty Senate Updates:

Gregary Bocsi, DO, MS, Faculty Senate President: Dr. Bocsi provided updates on the Faculty Senate meeting held on September 21, 2021. The meeting started with updates from the Dean, who discussed searches, affiliate updates, and COVID vaccination compliance. Tyler Anstett, DO, assistant professor of Hospital Medicine, provided a medical school curriculum update, including discussion of the AAMC graduating questionnaire results and diversity and inclusion goals. Melissa Haendel, PhD, chief research informatics officer and Marsico Chair in Data Science, provided an overview on the CRIO Council. Olawunmi “Wunmi” Ogunwo, JD, HR Director, School of Medicine, discussed the research personnel reclassification initiative and responded to questions from senators. The faculty senate completed voting to changes to rules of the School of Medicine. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

B. Affiliate updates from VA and Denver Health:

Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Healthcare System: *Clifford Lee Parmley, MD, chief of staff,* noted that the VA is seeing an uptick in COVID operations with nine patients in the ICU and two that are on ventilators. Recruitments have been limited by HR capacity, including recruitment for associate chief of staff for mental health and associate chief of staff for medicine.

Barbara (Genet) D’Arcy, MD, associate chief of staff for education, noted that the VA instituted a program for people to enter information online regarding their vaccination status, and current instructions from the VA indicate that residents will need to enter their vaccination status online as well. The VA’s Office of General Counsel has given the opinion that any site director or service chief who has monetary arrangements such as a part time appointment at CU cannot be involved in tracking of residents’ time. Attendings are working with the Office of General Counsel and there may be changes in personnel who are involved in tracking of residents’ time.

Denver Health and Hospital Authority:

Dr. Reilly mentioned that Denver Health has identified a new director of service for inpatient pediatrics. There is still an active search for director of service for anesthesiology and Denver Health will be starting searches for director of service for medicine and surgery in the future.

In additional business, Dr. Reilly provided an update regarding COVID vaccination mandates on the campus. One student who has gone on leave, and a faculty member in Colorado Springs, have asked the Thomas More Society to file suit on their behalf against the school regarding the vaccine mandate. Dr. Reilly is meeting with another student who has been recommended for dismissal for not being willing to be vaccinated after not qualifying for religious or medical exemption. Should the school proceed with dismissing the student, the student plans to take legal action against the school. Because the school is on a non-residential campus and does not have student housing, it is not required by state law to offer religious exemptions to students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

APPROVAL ITEMS

- A. The faculty promotions committee membership roster was unanimously approved.
- B. The Professor Emeritus appointments were unanimously approved.