EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
10:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS:
John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, School of Medicine, and Chair
Venu Akuthota, MD; Leslie Berg, PhD; Evalina Burger-Van der Walt, MD; Vineet Chopra, MD, MSc; C. Neill Epperson, MD; Heide Ford, PhD; Casey, Greene, PhD; Vesna Jevtovic-Todorovic, MD, PhD;
Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Todd Kingdom, MD; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Myra Muramoto, MD, MPH;
David Norris, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; Ken Tyler, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS:
Majik Abidzhanova, MBA; Cindy Allen; Stephanie Baker; Patricia Balodis; Gregary Bocsi, DO;
Suzanne Brandenburg, MD; Thomas Campbell, MD; Heather Cassidy, MD; Karen Chacko, MD;
Lauren Collins; Jessica Cordova; Mark Couch; Brian Dwinnell, MD; Lisalette “Lotte” Dyrbey, MD, MHPE; Stephanie Farmer; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD; Michael Harris-Love, PT, MPT, DSc; Heather Hume;
Mike Jonen; Mehul Lakhani; Jimmy Loftin; Steven Lowenstein, MD; Venus Mann; John Moore;
Chanthy Na; Michael Narkewicz, MD; Olawunmi Ogunwo, JD; Kyle Osborn; Steve Osswald; Jason Owens; Amira Del Pino-Jones, MD; Connie Savor Price, MD; Christie Reimer; Suzann Ruedeman;
Carol Rumack, MD; Shilpa Rungta, MD, MBA; Liz Seelenfreund; Brian Smith, MHA; Ronald Sokol, MD; AJ Stein; Sudheer Vemuru, MD; Cheryl Welch, MPA; Shanta Zimmer, MD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 19, 2022, meeting minutes were unanimously adopted as presented.

DEAN’S UPDATES

The class of 2026 MD students has arrived. Earlier, the physician assistant and physical therapy students started their classes. The MD class of 184 was selected from nearly 11,000 applications. There is a slight female predominance in the class, one out six students in the class is a first-generation college graduate school student, and 27% are from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine.

Congratulations to Dr. Evalina Burger and the Department of Orthopedics for a new T32 training grant in muscular skeletal research. Drs. Michael Zuscik, and Karin Payne who were recruited about four years ago are the principal investigators.

Lisa Neal-Graves started on July 1 as the director of the Aurora Wellness Community, our primary care practice in the city of Aurora that is under development. She is a lawyer and previously has been chief innovation officer for the Colorado Attorney General's Office, and technology jobs at Intel and Zayo Group.

Leadership interviews for the Director of Center Health Equity are in their final stages.
DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Compression Pool Update:
Olawunmi “Wunmi” Ogunwo, JD, PHR, School of Medicine HR Director

Investment the growth and development of our staff is a critical priority. In April, the CU Board of Regents approved a merit increase pool which was implemented in July 2022, as well as a compression-and-retention pool that will be implemented in January 2023. Ms. Ogunwu presented details for the implementation of the compression-and-retention pool.

See attached slides.

B. Affiliate Updates from VA and Denver Health:
Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Healthcare System
Shilpa Rungta, MD, Chief of Staff, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center

Dr. Rungta reported that the recruitment of Associate Chief of Staff for Education is still in the process. The VA also has an opening for the Associate Chief of Staff for Medicine. Dr. James McGregor, Deputy Chief of Staff, is leaving for a job in the private sector in Minneapolis.

Denver Health and Hospital Authority
Connie Savor Price, MD, Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Price reported that Denver Health is in negotiations with the final candidate for the Director of Service for Surgery. Interviews for the last finalist for the Department of Medicine search have ended. The search of a Director of Service for Family Medicine is continuing.

Our current CEO Robin Wittenstein EdD’s last day will be August 26. The new CEO, Donna Lynne, DrPH, will be coming September 19th for a week and then working remotely until she moves permanently in early October. Kris Gaw, chief operating officer, will serve as interim CEO.

Denver Health has been diagnosing and treating the majority cases in Colorado of the monkeypox.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL ITEMS

A. The clinical appointments and promotions committee actions were unanimously approved.

B. The two emeritus appointment requests were unanimously approved.