EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
10:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS:

Peter Buttrick, MD (on behalf of Dean John J. Reilly, Jr., MD)
Merlin Ariefdjohan, PhD, MPH; Leslie Berg, PhD; Gregory Bocsi, DO, MS; Evalina Burger-Van der Walt, MD; Vineet Chopra, MD, MSc; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Vesna Jevtovic-Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Todd Kingdom, MD; Naresh Mandava, MD; Myra Muramoto, MD, MPH; David Norris, MD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Ann Thor, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS:

Majik Abidzhanova, MBA; Lucinda (Cindy) Allen; Tyler Anstett, DO; Scott Arthur; Stephanie Baker; Thomas Beresford, MD; Gary Brown; Michael Cahill; Karen Chacko, MD; Lauren Collins, MHA; Jessica Cordova; Mark Couch; Katie Dean, MBA; Stephanie Farmer, MHA; Melissa Feig; Lauren Ford; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, MS; Michael Harris-Love, PT, MPT, DSc; Patrick Henn, MD; Michael Jonen; Allison Kempe, MD, MPH; Jimmy Loftin, MBA; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Venus Mann; Becky McGowan, MBA; John Moore, MBA; Colleen Moya; Chanthy Na; Michael Narkewicz, MD; Olawunmi (Wunmi) Ogunwo; Steve Osswald, MBA; Beth Otis; Jason Owens, MPA; Huntington Potter, PhD; Judy Regensteiner, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Carol Rumack, MD; Shilpa Rungta, MD, MBA; Faisal Siddiqui, MD; Brian T. Smith, MHA; Jeffrey SooHoo, MD, MBA; Suzann Staal; Alexander Stein, MBA; Cheryl Welch, MPA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 21, 2023, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

DEAN’S UPDATES

Legislative Updates (provided by Mark Couch):

Colorado HB23-1215 was amended by a legislative committee in late March to narrow its impact, but it still limits facility fees for primary, preventive, and telehealth care services charged by hospital clinics. The bill also proposes that the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing conduct a study of facility fees.

Colorado HB23-1243 was amended to allow hospitals to count as a community benefit the contributions they make for education, research, and faculty recruitment. The School of Medicine supports the amendments added in the House.

Colorado SB23-188 has been approved by the Colorado General Assembly and has been sent to Gov. Jared Polis. The bill would protect health care providers delivering reproductive health care or gender-affirming health care services in compliance with Colorado law.
Institutional Updates

The School of Medicine hosted its inaugural Distinguished Clinicians ceremony. The honorees were Denise Abdoo, PhD, CPNP, MSN, assistant professor of pediatrics; Rachel Davis, MD, associate professor of psychiatry; Keri Halsema, RN, NP, MSN, senior instructor of medicine; Manali Kamdar, MD, associate professor of medicine; Michael McDermott, MD, professor of medicine; David Partrick, MD, professor of surgery; and Glen Peterson, RN, DNP, ACNP, associate professor of medicine.

Shaleeta Flagg, diversity officer in the Department of Psychiatry, received the CU President’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion staff award, and the Department of Family Medicine Diversity and Health Equity Program received the unit honor. Senior Associate Dean for Education Shanta Zimmer, MD, was awarded honorable mention for the faculty award.

David Schwartz, MD, Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Immunology, has been awarded a $12 million program project grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. The five-year program project involves 14 investigators at the University of Colorado and National Jewish Health. Ivana Yang, PhD, professor of biomedical informatics, is co-director of the project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BYOD = Bring Your Own Device
Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, and Tyler Anstett, DO
See attached slides.

Faculty Senate Updates:
Merlin Ariefdjohan, PhD, MPH, Faculty Senate President, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
- Mark Couch presented legislative updates.
- David Ecker, MD, provided an update on the curriculum.
- Neal Krauss and Peter Walterspiel provided information on the Benson Hotel and Faculty Club.

Affiliate Updates from VA and Denver Health:
Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Healthcare System
Shilpa Rungta, MD, MBA, chief of staff for the VA Eastern Colorado Healthcare System
- Leadership positions for our chief of anesthesia, chief of emergency department and our primary care are in the final stages.

Faisal Siddiqui, MD, associate chief of staff for academic affiliations
- We are transitioning away from pagers and are sharing a cost contract with the university for our use of cell phones for the residents and trainees. We are having an assessment done of our site and want to use smartphone-based apps.
- The National VA OIT has changed business rules and we must now log into the network every 30 days, instead of 90 days. As a result, we are expecting issues with residents’ credentials being deactivated. We are considering issuing laptops to the chief residents which they can take to the affiliate sites and have all the residents and trainees log into the system remotely.
- We are updating our program letter of agreement with several specialties. Hematology, oncology, and the blood bank have been finalized.
There has been a change to resident documentation. Every trainee note in the VA will need to be cosigned or counter signed by an attending provider to improve communication, timeliness, and accuracy of documentation.

Denver Health and Hospital Authority

- No updates

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The faculty promotions committee actions were unanimously approved.