

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2020

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

Voting Members- Chairs		Voting Members- Other	Non-Voting Members-	
Allison, Jeroan, MD	Maloney, Mary, MD	Abramo, Kristin	Artenstein, Andrew, MD	Klempner, Mark, MD
Ayers, David MD	Matthews, C. Robert, PhD	Colwell, Lauren	Berryman, Jennifer	Kneeland, Michael, MD
Baldor, Robert, MD	McKee, Diane, MD, MS	Fain, James, PhD, RN	Chimienti, Sonia, MD	Larkin, Anne, MD
Benjamin, Sheldon, MD	Moore Simas, Tiffany, MD, MPH Med	Flotte, Terence, MD	Collins, Michael MD	Lindstedt, John, CPA
Boney, Charlotte, MD	Rathlev, Niels, MD	Lane, Mary Ellen, PhD	Colombo, Lisa, DNP, MHA	Luzuriaga, Katherine, MD
Budnik, Vivian, PhD	Rhein, Lawrence, MD, MPH	Mandrekar, Pranoti, PhD	Dekker, Job, PhD	Manno, Mariann, MD
Davis, Roger, PhD	Rock, Kenneth, MD	McMaster, Erin, MD	DeMarco, Deborah, MD	Peterson, Craig, PhD
Feldmann, Edward, MD	Rosen, Max, MD	Pavao, M. Richard, MD	Dickson, Eric, MD, MHCM	Peterson, Kenneth, PhD, MS, RN
Finberg, Robert, MD	Sankey, Heather, MD	Sadasivam, Rajani, PhD	Emerson, Charles, PhD	Schanzer, Andres, MD
FitzGerald, TJ, MD	Sarvet, Barry, MD	Vitello, Joan, RN, PhD	Fischer, Melissa, MD, Med	Schiffer, Celia, PhD
Green, Michael, PhD	Shaal, Shlomit, MD		Frazier, Jean, MD	Sell, Peter, MD
Hicks, Richard, MD	Silver, Brian, MD		Friedmann, Peter, MD	Tosi, Stephen, MD
Jabour, Nicolas, MD	Sokoloff, Mitchell, MD		Gao, Guangping, PhD	Walhout, Marian, PhD
Jacobson, Allan, PhD	Thomas, Abraham, MD, MPH		Glasheen, James, PhD	Weaver, David, PhD
Johnson, Mark, MD, PhD	Vieira, Peter, MD		Gottlieb, Amy, MD	Weng, Zhiping, PhD
Khan, Ashraf, MD	Volturo, Gregory, MD		Gustafson, Michael, MD	Wolf, Gregory
Kim, Daniel, MD	Walz, Matthias, MD		Harlan, David, MD	
Litwin, Demetrius, MD	Zamore, Phillip, PhD		Hinchey, Kevin, MD	

Dr. Fain called the meeting to order

BRIEF DISCUSSION AND VOTE: MINUTES

Having determined a quorum was met, the May minutes were approved.

STANDING REPORTS

Chancellor Update

Dr. Collins announced that the approval process for the New Education and Research Building (NERB) is entering the final stage. Later today (September 17th), Dr. Collins will be making a presentation to the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, including Secretary Heffernan, to receive sign-off from the Baker Administration. Subsequent to the state's approval to move forward with the NERB, the project will come before the UMass Board of Trustees for a second and final vote to proceed with the construction process. Dr. Collins will make a presentation to the UMass Board on September 22nd during which he will lay out the financial plan in support of the project.

Dr. Collins thanked Dr. Flotte, John Lindstedt, Jennifer Berryman and other colleagues for their work on the proposal.

Dr. Collins announced that the major discussion at the next Board meeting will be the coronavirus and the plans of the four undergraduate campuses. There have been several lay-offs and furloughs taking place on the undergraduate campuses, as they grapple with millions of dollars of foregone revenue as a result of the pandemic. At this juncture, it appears that overall enrollment is being maintained, but a clearer picture will take shape in the coming weeks. Total enrollment, however, only represents one source of revenue: tuition revenue. Ancillary revenue sources, such as dining and student housing, continue to be severely impacted. There is a good deal of conversation taking place about what to do come January. The other campuses are discussing when and how to bring students back and looking at the timing of the second semester.

Dr. Collins announced the final piece of structural steel for the new VA Outpatient Clinic will go up mid-October. Veterans on the campus are being invited to sign the beam prior to the topping-off ceremony. The building will open in fall 2021, and the project is on-schedule and on-budget.

Dr. Collins gave an update on the searches for the Executive Vice Chancellor for MassBiologics & the Executive Vice Chancellor for Innovation & Business Development. The search firm will begin to see candidates shortly. The goal is to have the searches completed this fall.

Dr. Collins announced that the conversations about race and racism will continue. There will be a memo coming out soon to announce the campus read: How to be an Anti-Racist by Ibram Kendi. The book looks at racism from many different perspectives, which will allow for other conversations that look at gender inequity, health care inequity and LGBTQ+ issues in addition to structural racism and racial inequities. There will be a series of programming leading up to a panel discussion of the leaders of each of the sessions. Following that will be the 5th Diversity Summit in early November. This will further the IMPACT 2025 plans around diversity and inclusion, which will put the campus in a better position to commit resources to make our campus more welcoming and inclusive.

Provost Update

Dr. Flotte announced that the infection control plans on the Worcester campus are going well. As of September 14th, there was a total of 17,769 surveillance tests were completed. There were only 12 positive, which is a rate of 0.07% rate among the UMMS population. Dr. Flotte thanked everyone who is working on campus for their efforts for masking, social distancing and the other practices to prevent the spread.

Dr. Flotte gave an update on the ongoing searches:

- Psychiatry- Dr. Kimberly Yonkers is the new Chair of Psychiatry. She will start November 1st. Dr. Max Rosen chaired the search committee
- Vice Provost for Health Equity- Dr. Milagros Rosal was named the first ever Vice Provost for Health Equity. She has been at UMMS for 26 years. The Vice Provost for Health Equity will be to work with chairs to improve the recruitment & retention of diverse faculty.
- Biochemistry & Molecular Pharmacology- Down to final finalist
- Dermatology- Down to three finalists.
- Medicine- Search is ongoing
- Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs- just kicked off this search

Dr. Flotte announced that the Chancellor assisted in appointing additional Marcellette Williams Senior Scholars who are furthering the cause of diversity equity of the faculty. They additional scholars are Drs. Maria Garcia, Sharina Person, Javier Irazoqui, Ana Maldonado-Contreras, Jaime Rivera & Ken Peterson. Congratulations to all of them.

PRESENTATIONS

Non-Voting Membership: Dr. Fain

Dr. Fain presented the list of the non-voting membership for the academic year. Motion to approve; motion accepted. List here.

Motion to approve; motion approved.

CXO: A Vision for Wellness: Dr. Bird

Dr. Bird gave a presentation on the Vision for Wellness. Presentation here.

Motion to approve; motion approved.

UMMS Style Guide: Dan Lambert

Dan Lambert gave a presentation on the new UMMS Style Guide. Presentation here.

LCME Update: Dr. Larkin

Dr. Larkin gave a presentation on the LCME Update. Presentation here.

Motion to endorse; motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Fain called for a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.