

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 2, 2023

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

<u>Officers/Rules Committee</u>	<u>Voting Members-</u>		<u>Non-Voting Members-</u>	
<b>Sadasivam, Rajani (Chair)</b>	<b>Aronowitz, Jesse</b>	Lin, Haijiang	<b>Abbott, Mary</b>	Hayes, John
<b>Munro, James (Vice Chair)</b>	Barsamian, Nancy	Menard, Alexander	<b>Abraham, George</b>	Kedian, Tracy
Walker, Amy	Blehar, David	Mitchell, Amir	<b>Ahn, Mary</b>	Lane, Mary Ellen
Pavao, Richard	Bolon, Daniel	<b>Moore, Phoebe</b>	Berryman, Jennifer	<b>Lanzillotti, Patricia</b>
	Chu, Sherman	Parida, K/Shuamte, L	Chakrabarti, Parth	Larkin, Anne
	<b>Curtin, Carol</b>	Plasse, Mechelle	<b>Collins, Michael</b>	<b>Linstedt, John</b>
	<b>Day, Philip</b>	<b>Reboldi, Andrea</b>	DeMarco, Deborah	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	Fantasia, Jennifer	Richmond, Jillian	Dickson, Eric	<b>Maki, Kristen</b>
	<b>Garwood, Elizabeth</b>	Sharif, Rifat	Duncan, Marlina	Mandrekar, Pranoti
	<b>Hamar, Benjamin</b>	<b>Slosar-Cheah, Magdalena</b>	Fain, James	Mattocks, Kristin
	Hamzei—Sichani, Farid	<b>Song, Jie</b>	Fino, Mireli	<b>McMaster, Erin</b>
	Kakouros, Nikolaos	<b>Thomson, Travis</b>	<b>Flotte, Terence</b>	Munshi, Nishkruti
	Kamil, Syed	<b>Weaver, David</b>	Gebhardt, James	Piorun, Mary
	<b>Korostelev, Andrei</b>	<b>Wessolosky, Mireya</b>	Giannaris, Lela	Rosal, Milagros
	Learnard, H/Agnello, E	<b>Wolfe, Scot</b>	Gottlieb, Amy	<b>Vitello, Joan</b>
	<b>Li, Shaoguang</b>	Wylie, Falgun	Gustafson, Michael	

Dr. Sadasivam called the meeting to order.

**STANDING REPORTS**

**Chancellor Updates**

Dr. Collins announced that the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King event was held January 25<sup>th</sup>. Michael Curry, President & CEO of the Mass League of Community Health Centers, gave a talk on how persistent structural inequities in our health care delivery system undermine patient care and negatively impact health outcomes for certain populations.

Dr. Collins announced that Robert Layne, Assistant Dean for Outreach Programs, was the recipient of the 2023 Chancellor’s Award for Advancing Institutional Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion in recognition of his principled, pervasive and profound commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and access at UMass Chan for more than 27 years.

Dr. Collins announced that Dr. Marlina Duncan, Chief Diversity Officer, received a 2023 Diamond Award for Excellence in Education, Leadership, Diversity, Equality, Humanitarian, Philanthropy and Community Engagement from the Not Alone Foundation at a special awards ceremony held in Atlanta on January 21<sup>st</sup>. This recent recognition is richly deserved, and we look forward to watching her receive many more professional accolades in the years to come!

Dr. Collins announced that UMass Chan was selected to *Newsweek’s* “America’s Greatest Workplaces 2023 for Diversity” list. The list is based on a review of publicly available data, interviews with human resources professionals and an anonymous online survey of a diverse pool of employees at companies with 1,000 or more employees in the U.S. This recognition highlights how we, as an academic community, have coalesced together to integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into all facets of our mission, vision, values and strategic goals.

Dr. Collins announced that the new Deputy Executive Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management, David Flanagan, joined the UMass Chan community. David joined us from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he had spent 17 years, most recently as Vice President of Capital Facilities.

Dr. Collins announced that Carolyn Brownawell will begin her tenure as Deputy Executive Vice Chancellor for People Strategy on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. She joins us from the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical and Denver campuses.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2023 and will feature an outstanding slate of honorees, headlined by graduation speaker, Katie Couric, an award-winning journalist who co-founded Stand Up to Cancer, which has raised well over \$700 million to support novel cancer research.

Also receiving honorary degrees are Tania Issa Semaan, co-founder and director of the Semaan Foundation; and Luke O’Neill, PhD, chair of biochemistry in Trinity College Dublin’s School of Biochemistry and Immunology, and one of Ireland’s leading scientific and public health voices.

Dr. Collins announced that Match Day will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023 in the Medical School Lobby.



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Dr. Collins announced that Dr. Vivian Budnik, the *Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research Chair* and chair and professor of neurobiology, was selected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Budnik was elected for her contributions to the understanding of the mechanisms of synaptic signaling, which may allow cells to communicate with each other and provoke plastic responses.

***Provost/Dean Updates***

Dr. Flotte provided an update on the status of Department Chair searches: The Neurobiology search committee continues to interview candidates, as does the search committees for Orthopedics Chair and Human Genetics Director. The MaPS Chair search was charged in December, and the search firm is sourcing candidates.

***Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Updates***

Dr. Ahn gave a brief presentation for her updates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Clinical Data Environment for UMass Chan Researchers: Dr. Zai***

Dr. Zai gave a presentation on Clinical Data Environment for UMass Chan Researchers.

***Establishment of Lahey Health Regional Campus: Dr. Ahn***

Dr. Ahn gave a presentation on establishment of the new Lahey Health Regional Campus.

Meeting adjourned.