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**FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 4, 2021**

**INVITEES/ATTENDEES**

<u>Officers/Rules Committee</u>	<u>Voting Members-</u>		<u>Non-Voting Members-</u>	
<b>Pavao, Richard (Chair)</b>	Aronowitz, Jesse	Michas, Maria	Abbott, Mary	Larkin, Anne
<b>Sadasivam, Rajani (Vice Chair)</b>	Barsamian, Nancy	<b>Mills, Huan</b>	Ahn, Mary	Linstedt, John
Munro, James	<b>Blehar, David</b>	Moore, Phoebe	Berryman, Jennifer	Luzuriaga, Katherine
<b>Walker, Amy</b>	<b>Bolon, Daniel</b>	<b>Peterson, Kenneth</b>	Chakrabarti, Parth	Maki, Kristen
	Burnett, C/Suh, L	<b>Plasse, Mechelle</b>	Collins, Michael	Mandrekar, Pranoti
	<b>Chu, Sherman</b>	Pryciak, Peter	DeMarco, Deborah	Mattocks, Kristin
	<b>Curtin, Carol</b>	<b>Reboldi, Andrea</b>	Dickson, Eric	McMaster, Erin
	Fantasia, Jennifer	Richmond, Jillian	Duncan, Marlina	Piorun, Mary
	Faustina, Misha	<b>Sharif, Rifat</b>	Fain, James	Rosal, Milagros
	<b>Francis, Michael</b>	Slosar-Cheah, Magdalena	Florence, Roxanne	Vitello, Joan
	<b>Garwood, Elizabeth</b>	<b>Song, Jie</b>	<b>Flotte, Terence</b>	
	<b>Hamar, Benjamin</b>	Trivedi, Meghna	Gottlieb, Amy	
	Kakouros, Nikolaos	Wessolosky, Mireya	Gustafson, Michael	
	<b>Kamil, Syed</b>	<b>Wolfe, Scot</b>	Hayes, John	
	Korostelev, Andrei	<b>Wylie, Falgun</b>	Lane, Mary Ellen	
	<b>Learnard, H</b>		Lanzillotti, Patricia	

Dr. Pavao called the meeting to order.

**BRIEF DISCUSSION AND VOTE: MINUTES**

Having determined a quorum was met, the meeting minutes from October were approved.

**STANDING REPORTS**

*Chancellor's Update*

On Monday, November 8, 2021, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new VA building in partnership with the Central Western Massachusetts Health Care System. The Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, Senator McDonough, along with Senator Warren, and Lieutenant Governor Polito, as well as other dignitaries will be joining us. We're pleased to be able to open the VA building during the week of Veteran's Day to demonstrate our commitment to the veterans for their service.

Dr. Job Dekker and Dr. Kate Fitzgerald were just inducted into the National Academy of Medicine.

The UMass Chan Cares giving campaign kicked off on November 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through Thanksgiving. There are approximately 1,000 charitable entities to choose from.

*Dean & Provost Update*

Dr. Flotte congratulated everyone who have made the 8-year long VA project come to fruition. Last week, the clinical chairs took a tour of the property. The new building provides more space to offer services to the veterans as well as offer more precepting opportunities for our learners. We owe the veterans our best efforts.

A Virtual Research Retreat was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. It was so great to see so many new faculty and post doc graduate students presenting. We look forward to coming together and having in-person events in the future.



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**PRESENTATIONS**

**Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Bylaws**

Dr. Lane presented the revised GSBS bylaws. Motion to endorse; motion approved.

**VA Clinic & Opportunities for Collaboration**

Dr. Mattocks presented on the new VA Worcester Community Based Outpatient Clinic which is a 48,000 sq. ft. health care facility. As a part of the VA Central Western Massachusetts Health Care system, the outpatient clinics will offer primary, specialty, and mental health care. Services are provided to a Veteran population in central and western Massachusetts of more than 120,000 men and women. The main hospital is in Northampton, MA and there are other community clinics in Worcester, Springfield, Fitchburg, Greenfield, and Pittsfield.

The UMass VA location will provide care to roughly 7,000 Veterans. Eventually, the services offered at the Plantation Street location (in the ACC) will be moved to the new building. The services will include audiology, optometry, podiatry, physical therapy, blind rehab, and research. Other specialty services will also be offered in the new building to include dermatology, rheumatology, cardiology, and neurology.

Veterans will have the opportunity to receive specialty care from providers at the new VA clinic and at UMMHC.

In the new VA facility, Graduate Medical Education (training) is being offered to UMMS residents and fellows in several areas of primary and specialty care.

The facility should be up and running by December 15, 2021.