

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 2024

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

<u>Officers/Rules Committee</u>	<u>Voting Members-</u>		<u>Non-Voting Members-</u>	
<b>Sadasivam, Rajani (Chair)</b>	Abdennur, Nezar	Hamzei—Sichani, Farid	<b>Abraham, George</b>	Kedian, Tracy
<b>Walker, Amy (Co-Chair)</b>	<b>Almeida, Sandra</b>	Kakouros, Nikolaos	Acosta, Alan	Lane, Mary Ellen
<b>Feeney, Susan (secretary)</b>	<b>Alvarez, Lulu/Osa-Agbontean, E.</b>	<b>Kamil, Syed</b>	<b>Ahn, Mary</b>	<b>Lanzillotti, Patricia</b>
	<b>Aronowitz, Jesse</b>	<b>Korostelev, Andrei</b>	<b>Alexander, Jacob</b>	Larkin, Anne
	Barsamian, Nancy	<b>Li, Shaoguang</b>	<b>Berryman, Jennifer</b>	Lewis, Brian
	<b>Benanti, Jennifer</b>	Matheos, Theofilos	Catanzano, Tara	<b>Linstedt, John</b>
	<b>Binder, Zach</b>	<b>Menard, Alexander</b>	Chakrabarti, Parth	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	<b>Blehar, David</b>	Mitchell, Amir	<b>Collins, Michael</b>	<b>Maki, Kristen</b>
	Bolon, Daniel	<b>Moore, Phoebe</b>	Dickson, Eric	Mattocks, Kristin
	<b>Bucci, Vanni</b>	Moorman, Anne	Duncan, Marlina	McMaster, Erin
	Chu, Sherman	Reboldi, Andrea	Fino, Mireli	Munshi, Nishkruti
	Cleveland, Sarah/Huang, Judy	Sharif, Rifat	<b>Flotte, Terence</b>	Piorun, Mary
	Curtin, Carol	<b>Thomson, Travis</b>	Garcia, Maria	Plasse, Mechelle
	<b>Dang, Ivy/Yee, Matthew</b>	Timpson, Wendy	Gebhardt, James	Potts, Stacy
	Day, Philip	Trivedi, Chinmay	<b>Giannaris, Lela</b>	Precourt, Justin
	Fantasia, Jennifer	<b>Wessolosky, Mireya</b>	<b>Grunwald, David</b>	Rosal, Milagros
	<b>Garwood, Elizabeth</b>	Whitley, Sarah	Hayes, John	Vitello, Joan
	<b>Hamar, Benjamin</b>		Johnson, Mark	

Dr. Sadasivam called the meeting to order.

**STANDING REPORTS**

*Chancellor Updates*

Dr. Collins announced that Governor Healey was in Worcester this morning. She spoke to the Chamber of Commerce and then did an event talking about the Economic Development Bill, which the administration filed last week with the legislature. This will be the piece of legislation called Life Sciences 3.0. This is a billion dollars over 10 years that will allow the Life Science Center to continue to operate, make some modest capital increases, and offer some tax breaks to entities that would like to promote the life sciences in Massachusetts. Following that the Chambers event, Governor Healey went over to Massbiologics where she talked about how important the medical school is to the life sciences. The Life Science Center Funding has been important to UMass Chan. It's come and 2-5 million dollar allocates over the course of the last decade or so, and it looks like that would continue.

Dr. Collins announced that March is Women's History month. Dr. Crista Johnson-Agbakwu, the Executive Director of the Collaborative and Health Equity, will be giving the talk *Placing the Equity on Women's Health* on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

Dr. Collins announced that the Black History month series sessions concluded on February 28<sup>th</sup> with a virtual talk with Dr. Uche Blackstock, author of the book *Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism and Medicine*. She gave a terrific talk.

Dr. Collins announced that Match is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Medical students and their family will celebrate that starting 11:30 in the lobby next week.

Dr. Collins announced that Commencement will be June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commencement will be held in the tent on the quad.

Dr. Collins announced that the ribbon cutting for the new building will be held on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00. The new building will be welcomed by the Director General of the World Health Organization, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will be presented an honorary degree at that event. There will be luminaries from government, the university, the community also in presence at the ceremony. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. The tent will still be up, so there will be plenty of seating for everyone. There'll be opportunity to go into the building following the ceremony.

Dr. Collins announced that, in accordance with university policy, a review must be conducted for anyone who has served at least 5 years in a Vice Chancellor role. There are four Vice Chancellors currently undergoing that review process. The first review was held for Jennifer Berryman, Vice Chancellor for Communication. Dr. Collins thanked the Chair of that committee, Dr. Marian Walhout and the members: Drs. Mark Johnson, Katherine de Luzuriaga, and Dean Mary Ellen Lane, for their participation. The other three reviews will be for John Lindstedt, John Hayees and Dean Vitello.

### ***Provost & Dean Updates***

Dr. Flotte gave an update on some ongoing searches:

- Director of the Program in Human Genetics and Evolutionary Biology resulted in the committee recommending that a virtual program is created instead of recruiting from outside for several reasons, but not the least of which is that the talent they identified internally across many departments was as good or superior to that of the candidates evaluated from the outside.
- Ophthalmology Chair- The search is in the final stages. The finalists will interview on campus over the next several weeks.
- Molecular, Cell & Cancer Biology Chair- The airport interviews have been completed. Six candidates have been chosen in that search for on campus interviews. After those interviews, the committee will narrow it down to three or four finalists.
- Head of Basic Science Research Computing- This search is in the early stages. Dr. Job Dekker is chairing the search with close coordination with Dr. Kate Fitzgerald and an external search firm.

Dr. Flotte announced that the labs will start moving into the new research building prior to the grand opening in June. There will be individuals moving in from three other buildings: the Neurobiology Department will be moved from the LRB, the Gene Therapy Center and Neurology department over from the Sherman Building, and PMM will move from Biotech 2. There will also be significant laboratory presence from Psychiatry and Neurosurgery. With an entire floor in both the Lazare & Sherman buildings being vacated, that will enable us to relieve a lot of space congestion and let some of the newly appointed chairs proceed with the recruitments that were part of their package and their initial plan. Dr. Flotte thanked everyone for their patience with during the various stages of construction.

Dr. Flotte announced that Match Day will be held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm EST. All graduating medical students who are in the NRMP Match will open their envelopes at the same time across the country. The students who participated in the smaller matches- the military match and the matches for Urology and Ophthalmology- all matched.

Dr. Flotte announced that an important announcement will come out soon regarding the Lahey campus. The initial letter of intent, in addition to the educational program for the school of Medicine students, was about the potential to advance population, health and digital medicine data science together. Dr. Flotte stated that there will be some progress on that being announced in the near future.

### **BRIEF DISCUSSION AND VOTE: MINUTES**

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### ***Nominations Committee: Dr. Ahn***

Dr. Ahn gave a presentation about the Nominations Committee. Four members of Faculty Council serve on the Nominations Committee. Dr. Ahn asked for nominees to serve on the committee.

#### ***Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Curriculum Committee Update: Dr. Grunwald***

Dr. Grunwald gave a presentation on the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Curriculum Committee.

#### ***Diversity, Representation & Inclusion for Value in Education (DRIVE): Dr. Fischer***

Dr. Fischer gave a presentation on the Diversity, Representation & Inclusion for Value in Education (DRIVE).

Meeting adjourned.