

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 2023

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

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

Dr. Sadasivam called the meeting to order.

**STANDING REPORTS**

***Chancellor Updates***

Dr. Collins announced that UMass Chan has joined the ARPA-H Investor Catalyst Hub as a partner institution. As a member of the Investor Catalyst Hub, UMass Chan can apply for funding, access networking opportunities, provide feedback and input into ARPA-H priorities, and access and contribute to an open library of resources.

Dr. Collins announced that UMass Chan was named in 2023 Boston Globe Best Places to Work. In addition to making the list, UMass Chan is one of just 23 organizations across all sectors and industries to be recognized as a “D-E-I champion.”

Dr. Collins announced that the next Board of Trustees and Committee meeting will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Collins announced that there will be “pie day” on Wednesday, December 13, beginning at noon, until 4 pm. There will be pie available in the lobbies of the Albert Sherman Center on University campus, South Street, and Memorial and Hahnemann campuses.

Dr. Collins announced that Dr. Laura Gibson was named as a Worcester Business Journal champion of health care. She will be honored at the WBJ Health Care Forum on December 13, at the Hogan Campus Center at the College of the Holy Cross.

Dr. Collins announced that Suzanne Wood, Associate Director of Sustainability and Campus Services was honored by the Healey-Driscoll Administration during the 17th annual Leading by Example Awards Ceremony.

***Provost & Dean Updates***

Dr. Flotte announced that, in addition to what Chancellor Collins announced regarding the ARPA-H Investor Catalyst Hub, that UMass Chan will also have, in the future, the ability to apply to specific calls on projects organized by Venture Well, the ARPA-H contractor for the Boston Hub. The projects will entail testing of potential solutions to big healthcare challenges by taking advantage in the various networks that we are a part of such as the 5 campus UMass system, our growing partnership with the VA, the longstanding partnerships with the HNI Research Network through the Division of Health and also through our various major hospital partners.

Dr. Flotte gave an update on some ongoing searches:

- Neurobiology Chair- Dr. Winder will be joining UMass Chan as the Chair of Neurobiology in January.
- Director of the Program in Human Genetics and Evolutionary Biology is down to 2 finalists.
- Ophthalmology Chair- Search Committee chairs are Drs. Diane McKee and Andy Carson. The search committee will be performing second round interviews on campus through early January.
- Molecular, Cell & Cancer Biology Chair- Dr. Marian Walhout is serving as the Search Committee Chair. The process is in the early stages at this time.

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

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### ***Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Establishment of New Programs of Study: Dr. Lane***

Dr. Lane presented the proposed programs of study for the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.  
Motion to Endorse; Motion approved

##### ***TH Chan School of Medicine Bylaws Revision: Dr. Ahn***

Dr. Ahn presented the proposed revision to the TH Chan School of Medicine Bylaws and the timeline for the process.  
Motion to approve the proposed revisions to the TH Chan School of Medicine Bylaws; Motion approved

##### ***Professional Development Updates: Dr. Green***

Dr. Green gave a presentation on the Office of Faculty Affairs Professional Development updates.

##### ***Intellectual Property Committee Update: Dr. Lilly***

Dr. Lilly gave the annual Intellectual Property Committee update.

Meeting adjourned.