

MINUTES
Faculty Council
September 13, 2021
12:00 P.M.

The meeting of the Faculty Council was called to order by Dr. Elizabeth DeVos on September 13, 2021, at 12:00 p.m., via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Attending: Eric Conde, MSA; Elizabeth DeVos, M.D.; Hariharan Ganapathi, M.D.; Sandeep Grover, M.D.; Akaber Halawi, M.D.; Derek Hamlin, M.D.; Carmen Isache, M.D.; Suparna Krishnaiengar, M.D.; Amy McCoy, M.D.; Sfurti Nath, M.D.; Melissa Parsons, M.D.; Gazanfar Rahmathulla, M.D.; Salam Salman, M.D., D.D.S; Jinous Saremian, M.D.; Natalya Shneyder, M.D.; Matt Warrick, M.D.; Jason Wheatley, D.O.; Gregory Wynn, M.D.; Brian Yorkgitis, D.O.

Absent: Mike Freidl, M.D.; Sandeep Grover, M.D.; Ruchir Puri, M.D.

Others: Pradeep Kadambi, M.D.; Colleen Kalynych, Ed.D.; Keya Locke, M.D.; Tim Reinschmidt; Nancy Stover

Departments not represented: Orthopaedics and Psychiatry

The minutes of the Faculty Council meeting of August 2, 2021, were approved.

Dean's Report: Dr. Kadambi reported on the recent leadership updates including Dr. Linda Edwards, Dean; Dr. Elisa Zenni, Interim Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs; Dr. Carol Diachun, Acting Associate Dean for Educational Affairs; Dr. Colleen Kalynych, Assistant Dean for Education; Dr. Robert Donnell, CMIO for UF Health; Dr. Jeff House, Division Chief, GIM; and Dr. Mehdi Mirasaeidi, Division Chief, Pulmonary and CCM. He stated that Dr. DeVos was recognized at the JBJ 2021 Women of Influence luncheon on September 9.

Dr. Kadambi stated that ENT (OMFS) ranked #39 nationally in the US News. A new CT Scanner will be installed at Baymeadows Imaging, specialty clinics are planned in the Baymeadows area, the UF Health Brain Wellness Program ribbon cutting is scheduled for November 19, and discussions continue on the MOB with Flagler. He stated that a major project called UF Health East is a three-story facility at the corner of JTB and Kernan in partnership with Jax Spine & Pain Centers. There will be a free-standing Ambulatory Surgery Center on the 1st floor owned by Jax Spine which will be managed by UF Health. The Emerson Building #1 practices will move to the 2nd floor (UF Health will own) and Jax Spine will occupy the 3rd floor. There will also be a freestanding MRI on the 1st floor (UF Health will own). The opening is planned for July 2022.

Dr. Kadambi stated that research funding increased by 17% over last year and there was a 128% increase in publications.

Dr. Kadambi stated that the renovations on the 4th floor are almost complete for the Office of Student Affairs. He stated that the first cohort of students is expected in 2025. Dr. Nelson is supportive of naming the regional medical campus in Dr. Haley's honor.

Dr. Kadambi stated that the 2022 goals of the UFJPI include retaining employees, improving value and quality of services, improving the financial position, improving patient experience, and growing commercial business.

President's Report: Dr. DeVos stated that the Faculty Council officers for 2021 are, Dr. DeVos, President; Dr. Krishnaiengar, Vice President; Dr. Yorkgitis, Past President; Dr. Salman, President-Elect; Dr. Wynn, Secretary; and Dr. Rahmathulla, Treasurer. Dr. DeVos stated that there is a new DEI committee created by the Council of Florida Medical School Deans. The search of the Chief Diversity Officer continues.

Faculty Senate: No report.

Quality Report: Dr. Devos reported in Dr. Gray-Eurom' s absence that there is an increase in CLABSI and CAUTI, pressure ulcers and readmissions due to increased volume, short staffing and deviation from best practices because of the COVID patient volume.

Finance Report: Mr. Reinschmidt stated that there was an overall deficit in July.

GME: Dr. Krishnaiengar announced that Cureus will be available to submit publications. She stated that the recommendation is to submit to other journals first and then to Cureus if there is difficulty in getting published. She stated that the ACGME has extended our emergency category through September 29. Interviews for residency and fellowship will be virtual. She stated that Dr Kalynych will have a faculty development program on September 30 on Translational Research for Medical Education Scholarship.

Administrative Affairs Update: Mr. Conde stated that the wellness rewards from the UF store are available until September 30. Faculty evaluations need to be completed, especially for the faculty going up for promotion and tenure. He stated that mid-career review is recommended and available to all faculty. He stated that the transfer of PTO has been delayed due to COVID.

Collaboration with Gainesville Faculty Council: Dr. DeVos stated that a meeting will be scheduled with the Gainesville Faculty Council officers.

Compensation Plan: Dr. Kadambi stated that data is being collected but the compensation plan will not be implemented this year.

Cureus: Dr. Kalynych stated that we have purchased the Cureus channel. There is a web page available with directions to submit publications.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 12:50 p.m.

Gregory Wynn, M.D.
Secretary