

The Executive Committee held 8 meetings since the last Faculty Meeting May 21, 2015. The following is a synopsis of the items shared by the Dean and Executive Committee members at these meetings:

BSoM Leadership Changes

- **Neuroscience, Cell Biology & Physiology**

Eric S. Bennett, Ph.D., has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology at Wright State University, effective October 1, 2016. Dr. Bennett comes to Wright State from the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine (USF MCOM) where he served as professor and vice chair of the Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology and associate dean for Ph.D. and postdoctoral programs. He was responsible for the development and implementation of new programs at the department and college levels in addition to maintaining significant teaching and course administration duties and an active and well-funded research program. Dr. Bennett came to USF MCOM as an assistant professor of neuroscience in 1997. In 2006, as the founding director of the USF MCOM Ph.D. program in integrated biomedical sciences, he oversaw the development and implementation of a new Ph.D. program, including the recruitment and admissions of all Ph.D. students, the curriculum, qualifying examinations, dissertation defenses and graduation publication requirements. In addition to his educational and administrative duties, he developed a federally funded, internationally recognized, independent research program at USF. His research focuses on understanding the control, modulation and dysfunction of electrical signaling in the body, and how it can contribute to cardiac, neuronal and skeletal muscle dysfunction. He is the principle investigator (PI) on three research projects—one funded by the National Science Foundation and another by the American Heart Association, Greater Southeast Affiliate—and co-investigator or co-PI on two other federally funded projects. As the author and coauthor of numerous scholarly papers, Bennett's work has appeared in peer-reviewed journals such as the *American Journal of Physiology (Cell Physiology)*, *Molecular Pharmacology*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry* and *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology*. Dr. Bennett serves as a reviewer for several scientific journals, including the *Journal of Physiology*, *American Journal of Physiology (Cell Physiology)*, *Journal of Neuroscience* and *European Journal of Neuroscience* and is an editorial board member for the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. He is a member of the Biophysical Society, the American Physiological Society, the Society for Neuroscience and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, among others.

- **Pediatrics:**

John C. Duby, M.D., FAAP, CPE, has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics effective October 1, 2015. Dr. Duby comes to Wright State from the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) where he served as professor of pediatrics since 2008 and professor of clinical pediatrics from 2000 to 2008. While at NEOMED, he also held several positions at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, OH, including director of the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, medical director of Rehabilitative Services and the Family Child Learning Center, and director of education at the NeuroDevelopmental Science Center. For the past decade, Dr. Duby has conducted research at the interface between developmental-behavioral pediatrics and primary care, with particular emphasis on the use of quality improvement science to support primary care practices in enhancing care for children with emotional, developmental and behavioral issues. Since 2012 he has served as medical director for the Building Mental Wellness Learning Collaborative of the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. This quality improvement project is working with 50 primary care practices to enhance the practice culture, clinical skills and integrated care for children and families affected by emotional, developmental and behavioral issues. It is funded with \$1.315 million in support from the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center, the Ohio Department of Health and MEDTAPP (Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program), a university/Medicaid research partnership to support the efficient and effective administration of the Medicaid program. Before joining the faculty at NEOMED, Dr. Duby was a clinical professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Boonshoft School of Medicine from 1990 to 2000. During that time, he also held several

positions at Dayton Children's Hospital, including medical director of Child Development, medical director of Rehabilitative Services and medical director for children at the Stillwater Center in Dayton.

- **Psychiatry**

Igor Elman, M.D., has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, effective August 1, 2015. Dr. Elman comes to Wright State from Harvard Medical School (HMS), where he served as associate professor of psychiatry. Elman previously served as medical director for HMS-affiliated Community Mental Health Center and at the Providence VA Medical Center Substance Abuse Treatment Program in Providence, R.I. He has expertise in treating chemical and behavioral addictions, psychosis and post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as psychiatric comorbidities with pain or obesity. His extensive expertise in addictions research and treating post-traumatic stress disorder will be invaluable as we assist the state of Ohio in understanding the statewide opioid abuse epidemic and continue to work with our partners at the VA Medical Center. Dr. Elman earned his M.D. at Faculty of Medical Sciences Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva, Israel. He completed his residency in psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N.Y. He also completed fellowships in psychiatric research at the National Institute of Mental Health, and addiction psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, HMS. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry with a subspecialty certification in addiction psychiatry. His research interests are focused on the role of reward and stress systems in the pathophysiology of neuropsychiatric disorders. He is a recipient of the National Institute on Drug Abuse K23 and R01 Awards, along with the VA Merit Review Award. Elman serves as editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Psychology Research and Behavioral Management*.

LCME Update

The LCME has confirmed our next site visit for March 5-8, 2017. Dean Parmelee's office has preparations well underway for the site visit. Six subcommittees have been meeting since October 2015, each tasked with addressing 2 of the 12 standards. There were previously over 140 standards that have now been condensed to 12 that are driven by the Department of Education. Over the past 6 months, Dr. Parmelee's office has been compiling the database in preparation for submission to the LCME. It is very important that junior faculty participate on these subcommittees as they will most likely be the senior faculty the next time this review takes place.

Budget Information

- **Wright State University:** University Budget Exercise: The University has asked all colleges/schools to engage in a budget exercise assuming an 8% reduction. Dr. Dunn attended Phase 1 and Dieter Nevels attended Phase 2 of this exercise. There will be targeted reductions. This will impact have less impact on the BSOM than the university as a whole. The budget will go to the Board in June.
- **State of Ohio:** The Ohio Medical School Deans have actively been working with university legislative representatives and to build relationships with key legislators on the value and funding of Ohio medical schools in preparation for the next biennial budget cycle.

Wright State University Events:

- **2016 Campus Scholarship & Innovation Campaign:** The University is encouraging 100% participation, regardless of the dollar amount given. Department chairs are asked to encourage faculty and staff to participate at whatever dollar amount they are comfortable with; \$5.00 would be happily received. You can designate your gift to any program; the BSOM has many programs available for designation and scholarship support is encouraged.
- **Capital Campaign:** The Rise.Shine Gala was held on April 19, 2016 recognizing the achievement of President Hopkin's \$150 capital campaign goal and announcing the grand opening of the Tom Hanks Center for Motion Pictures. Hanks, co-chair of the Rise.Shine campaign, attended the Gala.
- **Presidential Debate, 2016:** Wright State will be hosting the first Presidential Debate on September 26, 2016. For updated information, check the website;

<http://www.wright.edu/event/debate>.

Medicaid GME Commission:

Dr. Dunn attended a meeting of the 'Medicaid GME Commission' November 30 in Columbus. President Hopkins is a member of this committee, but was not able to attend. Membership consists of 4 medical

school deans, 4 university presidents and a representative from the OHA, OCHA, OOA, and OSMA. At this meeting, a proposal was shared using a new formula to distribute the available funds in a more equitable fashion using a weighted scale favoring primary care to be phased in over a period of time. Greg Moody, Director of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation and John McCarthy, Director, Ohio Dept. of Medicaid, thanked the Commission for their hard work. They will be sending a report to all constituencies in January. This new formula would be to the advantage of the Dayton GME community since we have proportionally less subspecialty training.