Presiding: Margaret M. Dunn, Dean

Present: Drs. Eric Bennett, Tim Broderick, Jim Brown, John Duby, Jim Ebert, Julie Gentile (by phone), Tom Hardy, Madhavi Kadakia, Paul Koles, Mary McCarthy, Al Painter, Dean Parmelee, Glen Solomon, Greg Toussaint, Jeff Travers, Julian Trevino and Jerome Yaklic

Staff: Angela Clements, Betty Kangas, Dieter Nevels, Emily Stamas and Bette Sydelko

This meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Dean Margaret Dunn

1. Approval of Minutes:
   A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017, as written.

2. Report of the Dean:

   A. Presidential Search Update:
      The WSU BOT has called for a special meeting for the purpose of meeting in executive session on Friday, February 24. It is expected they will be discussing the 2 remaining candidates for WSU President. No additional information is available at this time.

   B. Premier Health Update:
      Dean Dunn provided an extensive update at the WSU/BOT meeting last evening. Discussions are mainly being held between the attorneys at this point.

   C. Hiring Freeze:
      In light of the recently announced additional shortfall in the University budget, President Hopkins sent an email to the campus community on February 20, 2017 stating that positions will not be approved for hiring unless they represent health, safety, or compliance needs, or demonstrate a direct impact on revenue. As we receive additional information, we will keep everyone informed.

      Dr. Hardy mentioned the VA may be able to provide some hiring assistance should this issue not be resolved in a timely fashion. Dr. Dunn thanked him for his offer.

   D. Report on Winter 2017 Clinician-Scientist Linking Meeting, January 26th:
      Dr. Broderick reported that this event was very well attended. This event was Neuroscience-focused and was co-hosted by Dr. Eric Bennett, Chair and Professor of the department of NCBP. The next linking event is planned for May and will focus on imaging. Nick Reo, Ph.D., Professor in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, will host
the event. The September event will be focused on Bioinformatics and Analytics and will be hosted by Michael Raymer, Ph.D., Professor of Computer Science.

E. Update on Ohio Medical Schools Council of Deans Meeting:
Dean Dunn reported that the Deans met Thursday morning and one of the topics of discussion was the state budget. Medical school tuition was also discussed and Dr. Dunn noted that our tuition has not been raised in 2 years.

3. Information Items:
   A. Personnel Actions:
      Dr. Painter presented the personnel action items attached to the agenda. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept as distributed.
   B. Members’ Items:
      • Dr. Painter: The University Promotion & Tenure Committee met this past Tuesday and all 7 of our school’s promotion candidates were approved. These require WSU/BOT approval and become effective July 1, 2017.

      The next promotion cycle begins now. Please inform Dr. Painter’s office of any candidate intending to go through the promotion cycle. Workshops will be scheduled to provide assistance in preparing the entire promotion package.

      • Dr. Travers: The Pharmacology Translational Unit, the clinical trials unit, is looking for patients. Dr. Travers has Flyers with him that he would be happy to provide to anyone who has access to a bulletin board appropriate for posting.

      • Dr. Solomon: Dr. Pallavi Rao died suddenly this week with a cause still unknown. Dr. Rao completed the GI Fellowship and had recently become the GI Fellowship site director at MVH.

      • Dr. Toussaint: Kettering Health Network has received the green light on the family medicine residency and will be participating in the match.

      • Dr. Brown: Given the current situation with the ACGME closing the Summa Akron Emergency Medicine Program, our Emergency Medicine department may be taking some residents from the Akron-Summa program.

      • Dr. Duby: Dr. Jonathan Thackeray joined the department and will head up the community-health related efforts. He was formerly with Ohio Medicaid.

4. New Business:
   A. LCME Site Visit Preparation: Dean Parmelee, M.D., Associate Dean for Medical Education and Professor, Psychiatry and Pediatrics.
      Dr. Parmelee discussed questions that may come up during the site visit. Please provide specific examples and/or data when requested by the site team visitors.
B. Pharmacology & Toxicology Department Update: Jeff Travers, M.D., Ph.D., Chair and Professor, and Professor of Dermatology

5. Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 13, 4:30 p.m. in the WSP Health Center, 725 University Blvd, Third Floor, Large Conference Room. Note there will not be a March Executive Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kangas
Recorder