

The Executive Committee has held ten meetings since the last Faculty Meeting. The following is a synopsis of the items shared by the Dean and Executive Committee members at these meetings:

## **BSoM Leadership Changes**

### *Dean*

Dean Bowman resigned effective February 2, 2015 and Dr. Margaret Dunn was appointed Dean effective February 3, 2015.

### *BSoM Executive Director / CFO*

**Dieter E. Nevels, M.B.A.**, was appointed executive director and chief financial officer effective October 20, 2014. He replaces John Bale, who will retire after 28 years of service to the medical school. Mr. Nevels has almost 30 years of broad-based experience in all aspects of corporate and medical school finance and business operations, ranging from strategic planning and analysis to valuations of merger/acquisition targets. Prior to coming to WSU, Mr. Nevels served as the director of finance and budget with the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University.

### *Assistant VP of Advancement:*

With the resignation of Robert Copeland, AVP/Advancement, effective October 30, 2014, Cindy Young was appointed Interim AVP/Advancement while a search was conducted. Because none of the three finalists interviewed were deemed appropriate for this position, the search was closed. Cindy Young will remain as the AVP for Advancement until her retirement next October. Angela Clements has accepted the position of Executive Director of Advancement and will report to Cindy until her retirement. Angela has been with the School since 2013. Mike Griffin has accepted a position in Cincinnati and will be leaving the BSoM in a few weeks. The Advancement Office will be hiring two major gift officers who will work directly with and report to Angela.

### *Associate Dean for Research*

**Timothy Broderick, M.D.**, was appointed associate dean for research affairs effective January 1, 2015, replacing Art Pickoff who retired December 31, 2014. Broderick was previously named chief scientist at the Wright State Research Institute (WSRI), where he is responsible for growing the Institute's portfolio for basic and applied research and development. Prior to coming to WSU, Dr. Broderick served as a program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and also spent seven years as professor of surgery and biomedical engineering at the University of Cincinnati and was founder and director of its Center for Surgical Innovation.

*Biochemistry and Molecular Biology:*

**Madhavi P. Kadakia, Ph.D.**, has been appointed chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology effective January 1, 2015. She replaces interim chair Michael Leffak, Ph.D. Kadakia currently serves as a full professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, the associate director of the Center for Genomics Research, and the director of the master's program within the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She has been with Wright State University since 1999. She received her baccalaureate and master's degrees in microbiology from the University of Mumbai. After receiving her Ph.D. in infectious diseases and microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh, she completed a postdoctoral fellowship with the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and later conducted research at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. At Wright State, she was awarded the Faculty Mentor Award in 2010 from the Boonshoft School of Medicine. In 2011, Kadakia served as a visiting research scholar at Nottingham University and the Leicester Medical Research Council in the United Kingdom. She has served as an organizing member on the International p63/p73 Workshops. Her research, funded by the National Cancer Institute, focuses on identification of signaling pathways that play a role on cancer and development. The second area of focus in her laboratory has been to identify biomarkers that can help differentiate different stages of cancer that may eventually lead to personalized patient care.

*Community Health*

**James R. Ebert, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H., FAAP, CPH**, has been appointed chair of the Department of Community Health effective January 1, 2015. He replaces Arthur Pickoff, M.D., who retired December 31, 2014. Dr. Ebert is the Oscar Boonshoft Chair and Director, Center for Global Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, a position he has held since 2008, as well as the program director for the Wright State University Master of Public Health degree program. He has concurrently served as the lead physician for the lipid clinic at Dayton Children's since 2006. Initially appointed to the school of medicine faculty in 2004, he came to Wright State to develop and launch the Physician Leadership Development Program, which he directed from 2004 through 2009 as it grew from a 10 to a 43 student program. He started his M.P.H. at Case Western Reserve while a fellow there in adolescent medicine, then completed the degree at Wright State in 2007. His M.B.A. is from the Wright State University Raj Sooin College of Business. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, he served his pediatric residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Dr. Ebert is a retired Air Force colonel whose final military assignment was Chief Medical Officer of Wright Patterson Medical Center. He has been active in medical education in the Dayton area for over 25 years. He is a founding faculty member of the WSU M.P.H. program and is board certified in public health, as well as pediatrics and adolescent medicine. He is the founding chapter president of Wright State's Gamma Alpha chapter of the national public health honorary society, Delta Omega. He is the immediate past chair of the Council for Graduate Education, Association for Prevention, Teaching, and Research, and is a current member of the National Board of Public Health Examiners as well as an item writer for board examinations. Dr. Ebert holds faculty appointments at the level of associate professor in both the Department of Community Health and the Department of Pediatrics.

*Pediatrics*

**Sherman J. Alter, M.D.**, has been named interim chair of the Department of Pediatrics, effective January 1, 2015. He replaces the previous chair, Arthur Pickoff, M.D., who retired December 31, 2014. Dr. Alter serves as the director of the division of infectious diseases at Dayton Children's Hospital and professor of pediatrics in the Boonshoft School of Medicine, where he also served as

interim chair of pediatrics in 1998. He has been on the faculty and staff of these institutions since 1985. He received his baccalaureate degree summa cum laude from the University of Dayton and his M.D. from the Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed his pediatric residency at Columbus Children's Hospital, Columbus, and at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati. Following a tour as a medical officer with the United States Navy, he completed a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Cincinnati Children's. Dr. Alter serves as the director of continuing medical education at Dayton Children's. He is also the medical director of the diagnostic virology laboratory. In addition, he serves as the physician director of the hospital's home care program, Children's Home Care of Dayton. He is board-certified in pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases. His research interests involve immunizations, vaccine-preventable diseases and hospital-acquired infections.

### *Pharmacology/ Toxicology*

**Jeffrey B. Travers, M.D., Ph.D.** was named professor and chair, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and professor, Department of Dermatology, effective February 1, 2015. Dr. Travers comes to the BSOM from the Indiana University (IU) School of Medicine, where he was a faculty member since 1995. At IU, he held positions in the Departments of Dermatology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, and Pediatrics. He served as residency director for dermatology and director of the Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Signature Center for Atopic Dermatitis. He was a member of the Institutional Review Committee and the IU School of Medicine's Scientific Advisory Council. For nine years he also served as the chair of the Department of Dermatology, before stepping down to refocus on his basic science research in 2010.

### *Psychiatry:*

**William M. Klykylo, M.D.**, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Psychiatry, effective January 1, 2015 and will serve until the newly appointed chair, Dr. Igor Elman, begins August 1, 2015. Dr. Klykylo has been professor and director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Boonshoft School of Medicine since 1991. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and its graduate and medical schools, and trained at the University of Cincinnati, where he thereafter served on faculty for eleven years. At Wright State, he has trained 39 child and adolescent psychiatrists, and has edited three editions of *Clinical Child Psychiatry* and the fifth and latest edition of *Green's Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychopharmacology*. His academic interests include developmental disabilities, medical education, health care delivery, and medical ethics. He serves on university, state, and regional advisory panels, currently including Minds Matter and Building Mental Wellness, and is a member and past chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

**Igor Elman, M.D.**, has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, effective August 1, 2015. He replaces former chair Jerald Kay, M.D., who retired after 24 years of service. 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*.

### *Neurology*

After an unsuccessful national search for the chair of neurology, the search was closed and Dr. Dunn appointed Dr. Glen Solomon, chair of Internal Medicine, as Interim Chair of Neurology, effective April 1, 2015.

### *Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology:*

With the announcement from Dr. Tim Cope that he has accepted a full professorship at Georgia Tech and will be leaving WSU May 31, 2015, **Christopher Wyatt, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology, was appointed Interim Chair, effective February 11, 2015.

### **LCME Update**

LCME has confirmed our next site visit for March 5-8, 2017. Dean Parmelee's office has started preparations and will be reaching out to everyone for assistance. There were previously over 140 standards that have now been condensed to 12 elements that are driven by the Department of Education. In the next few months, we will receive a new database of what the new questions/standards will be. There will be 6 subcommittees; each will take 2 of the 12 standards, and faculty will be asked to serve on these subcommittees. It is very important that junior faculty are included as they will most likely be the senior faculty the next time this review takes place.

### **Budget Information**

The state budget is currently under consideration in the Ohio Senate, having passed by the House. Medicaid expansion appears to be likely to receive continued funding. The Office of Healthcare Transformation has announced that it is assuming responsibility for assuring that medical schools deliver value for the money they receive, which is likely to impact funding in the next state budget cycle.

### **Premier Health**

Premier Health and the BSOM have re-engaged ECG as consultants to review our affiliation with each other. As a result of a retreat held at the end of February, several task forces and committees are planned to review various issues. The task force regarding the teaching formula has been the first to meet.

## **Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration Building**

The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place April 16, 2015. This start-of-the-art building features two wings; one for neuroscience and one for engineering. The building is honeycombed with labs and includes offices, conference rooms and a 105-seat auditorium for research symposiums.

## **Research**

Last October, Dr. Pickoff and Amber McCurdy, our new Medical Student Research Coordinator, provided some background regarding medical student research and statistics of how our school compares to the national norm. ALL medical student research should be coordinated through Ms. McCurdy so that we have a formal tracking system, to ensure that our numbers are accurate for recording purposes. Ms. McCurdy is also working diligently to get our students more involved in research and asks for the support of the faculty in this endeavor. Scholarly projects are becoming a more formal part of the new curriculum.

## **Lake Campus: Rural Track**

Drs. Marjorie Bowman, Therese Zink and Kate Cauley started a Rural Track at Lake Campus. Both large corporations and area residents are very supportive of Lake Campus. Both the state and congressional delegation in the area are well positioned and there may be governmental funds available. It's an opportunity for us and Dr. Dunn will be meeting soon with the Lake Campus dean. The plan is to focus on students from a rural background who want to stay in the area, especially those going into Family Medicine. The state of Ohio sees Family Medicine as a critical area of need, along with surgery and psychiatry.