



**Executive Committee  
Report to the Faculty  
May 20, 2010**

The Executive Committee has held ten meetings since the May 21, 2009 Faculty Meeting. The following is a synopsis of the items shared by the Dean and Executive Committee members at these meetings:

**A. LOCAL ISSUES**

**WSU Faculty Awards, 2009-10**

Dr. Mariana Morris, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, received the Brage Golding Distinguished Professor of Research Award.

Dr. Lawrence Prochaska, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boonshoft School of Medicine and the College of Science and Mathematics, received the Frederick A. White Distinguished Professor of Professional Service Award.

**Greater Dayton Medical Home Demonstration Project**

State Representatives Peggy Lehner and Peter Uvagi are spearheading the creation of Patient Centered Medical Home demonstration sites in several regions in the state including Dayton. They co-sponsored House Bill 198 to develop these demonstration projects. Dr. Gary LeRoy testified in support of House Bill 198. This effort is designed to enhance primary care practices and provide training opportunities for medical students and residents in this model of patient care. The initiative is designed to simultaneously develop community primary care practices and address pipeline issues for future primary care physicians in the Dayton region and others by providing scholarship incentives to medical students.

There are four sites around the state designated to have these projects; Dayton, Toledo, Athens, & Akron/Canton. Each site will develop 10 of these practices, and each practice must affiliate with a medical school in order to receive funding. This should be an excellent opportunity to secure additional voluntary faculty to serve as preceptors. The disciplines able to compete for these practices are general internal medicine, family medicine and general pediatrics. Criteria for participation will be developed by the advisory board, but the practice must pass the NCQA definition of a patient-centered medical home.

Additionally, there is language in the Bill requiring the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans to propose a scholarship program to provide 50 scholarships for students choosing a primary care residency who commit to practice in Ohio. The proposal will be developed by the Deans and presented to the Chancellor. He will determine whether or not to fund the Scholarship Program.

This legislation made it through the House Committee. The House vote passed unanimously. It will now proceed to the Senate.

## **Department updates**

Neurology – The BSOM has established, in partnership with PHP, the WSU – PHP Neuroscience Int. We will establish a new department of Neurology as a result of this new partnership. Drs. Cope and Hall are co-chairing the search committee to secure a department chair. Initial interviews have been completed and second interviews will be scheduled around mid-June. In addition to recruiting the chair, three new full time faculty members will be hired. Clinical research and collaboration with our neuroscientists will be a key programmatic theme in addition to clinical care and education.

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: Following an internal search process to identify a chair for the department, Dr. Berberich was appointed chair, effective November 1, 2009.

Dermatology: Dr. Julian Trevino has served as acting chair for about a year and was appointed permanent chair, effective July 1, 2010.

Emergency Medicine: Groundbreaking for the land that will become the Calamityville™ Tactical Laboratory occurred last September. The land was formerly owned by CEMEX.

Family Medicine: Dr. Clasen is retiring in late 2010 and Dr. Lawhorne is chairing a national search for Dr. Clasen's replacement. Interviews with internal candidates have been completed and interviews with external candidates are taking place this week. All candidates have been interviewed by phone.

Orthopedic Surgery, Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation: Dr. Laughlin was appointed as chair of Orthopedic Surgery, Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, effective December 1, 2009.

Pathology: Dr. Mirkin has stepped down as chair and will continue as faculty and director of pathology at CMC. Dr. Paul Koles was appointed chair, effective September 1, 2009.

## **Voluntary Faculty Preceptors**

Dr. Part reported three activities to recruit voluntary faculty:

- Dr. Part made a presentation at Premier Healthnet's semi-annual meeting. The presentation focused on the primary care pipeline nationally and locally. The intent was to recruit additional clinical faculty to precept our students in ambulatory settings. There were about 50 or 60 physicians present and two have agreed to precept.
- Dr. Painter wrote an article for *Dayton Medicine* appealing to Montgomery County Medical Society physicians to become active members of our voluntary faculty.
- The school will send a survey to *all voluntary* faculty this fall to evaluate interest and obstacles to participation. The departments will receive the demographical information and feedback from this survey.

Additionally, the BSOM Office of Marketing and Communications is preparing a tri-fold brochure which will be used to recruit additional preceptors. Dr. Part is available and interested in working with chairs as they discuss volunteering with groups of physicians.

## **LCME Accreditation**

Following our LCME site visit conducted in March 2009, we received notification that we have been reaccredited for the maximum of eight years. We will provide the LCME with a progress report in 18 months.

### **BSOM Class Size**

Nationally and locally there has been substantial discussion and recommendation regarding medical school growth and physician shortages. NEOUCOM and OUCOM have grown and NEOUCOM plans to grow substantially more. We are currently the smallest medical school in the state. After substantial discussion, it was decided that we would increase our class size to 105.

PHP decided to defund the IM/Peds residency Program. We are exploring with Kettering Medical Center the possibility of picking up the residency program. The MVH Family Medicine residency program that was merged recently with our program at Good Samaritan will be consolidated at Good Samaritan. Internal Medicine's program will be downsized and consolidated at MVH-VAMC-WPAFB-MC. A transition team has been created to work through the complexities of the reorganization of the IM, FM and IM/Peds programs.

### **ACGME Site Visit**

Dr. Dunn reported that the ACGME conducted an institutional site visit on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The visit went well. The site visitor was very impressed with the collegiality of our program directors. The RRC meets only three times/year, with the next meeting taking place in April. We were notified that we were reaccredited for the maximum of five years. We should have the full report by May.

### **University Administrative Changes/Leadership Searches**

Dr. Part announced the following changes:

- Michele Wheatly, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, accepted the provost position at West Virginia There will be a national search for her replacement. Dr. Part has been asked by Provost Angle to chair this dean search. Provost Angle and President Hopkins will likely make their choice by the end of May.
- Greg Bernhardt, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, will be retiring June 30, 2010. Dean Larry James from the School of Professional Psychology chaired the search. Recently, Charlotte Harris, Ed.D., associate dean of Wright State University's College of Education and Human Services, was named dean of the college.
- Lillie Howard, senior vice president for curriculum and instruction, will be retiring at the end of the 09/10 academic year. Her position will be replaced although any changes to the position and/or structure are not known at this time.
- Anita Curry-Jackson, dean of University College, is retiring. The position will be replaced although any changes to the position and/or or structure are not known at this time.
- Jim Sayer, Ph.D., Dean of the Lake Campus will be retiring and a search for his replacement is in process.
- Joseph (Jay) Thomas, dean of the School of Graduate Studies retired December 31, 2009. After a national search, Andrew Hsu, Ph.D., was recently named dean of the School of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2010. He was the founding director of the Richard G. Lugar Center for Renewable Energy at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.
- Bill Rickert, associate provost, is retiring. The position will be replaced and is being recruited internally
- Bor Jang, Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science will be stepping down in the near future.

### **WSU Separation Incentive**

Seventeen people from our School took advantage of the separation incentive. This has created an additional onetime \$700,000 cost to the BSOM. The school will keep some of the positions open for as long as possible and other positions will be abolished to recoup costs and address our state budget reductions.

Dr. Dunn added that the separation incentive is a method for the university to avoid laying off employees due to the current economic crisis.

## **B. State Issues**

### **University System of Ohio Centers of Excellence**

The Governor recently announced two School of Medicine USO Centers of Excellence; the Wright State University – Premier Health Partner's Neuroscience Institute and the National Center for Medical Readiness. A joint WSU-PHP press conference was held to announce the Neuroscience Institute and featured Governor Strickland and Chancellor Fingerhut. It was very well received by the local media and was a strong marketing event for us.

WSU now has 4 Centers. While there currently is no funding available, these will be advantaged in securing state funding in the future. Now that the Third Frontier issue passed on the May ballot, it is hoped that funding will be more readily available.

### **Budget Update**

The State has cut budgets substantially to maintain a balanced budget. The impact to the medical school has been approximately a 17% budget reduction for the clinical teaching subsidy and a 19.5% reduction to the other smaller line items. Including investment losses, this translated to a \$2.5 million decrease in our operating budget. Additionally, the separation incentive program offered by the University will cost the medical school a onetime payout of \$700,000; 17 faculty and staff took advantage of the incentive. In addition to not replacing approximately 50% of those who opted to accept the retirement incentive package, the School of Medicine recently abolished a few positions in administrative offices to address permanent reductions to our base budget.

The current budget's state share of instruction for higher education was protected from budget cuts, however approximately 17% of higher education's subsidy was supported by one time Federal stimulus money, and it is very unlikely that these monies will be available in the next biennium. In light of ongoing budgetary challenges and with no clear sign of an upturn in state revenue, Dean Part encouraged everyone to be as frugal as possible in preparation for additional budget reductions.

At the request of the Chancellor, the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans drafted a new funding formula to support the state assisted medical schools. A medical school funding formula study commission has now been formed to study this issue. We are fortunate to have two representatives from this area serving on the study commission; Dr. Walt Reiling, who currently serves on the Ohio Board of Regents, and Dr. Matt Filipic, Wright State's Senior VP for Business and Fiscal Affairs.

## **C. National Issues**

### **Status of GME expansion in Health Care Bill**

Unfortunately, no GME funding changes made it into either version of the Health Care Bill. Lobbying to get the language put back into the bill was not successful,

## **End of report**