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:

LOCAL ISSUES

WSU Presidential Awards for Faculty Excellence, 2010-11

Jerald Kay, M.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, received the Frederick A. White Distinguished Professor of Professional Service Award.

Tim Cope, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Neuroscience, Cell Biology & Physiology, received the Brage Golding Distinguished Professor of Research Award. Dr. Cope was nominated by the College of Science and Math.

Dr. Christopher Wyatt, Assistant Professor, Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology, Boonshoft School of Medicine and the College of Science and Mathematics, received the Early Career Achievement Award.

Promotion and Tenure 2011

The School had 18 individuals going before the Promotion and Tenure Committee this year, which is the most in any one-year in the history of the School. All promotions were approved.

BSoM Undergraduate Medical Education:

Dean Parmelee mentioned that the BSoM has three publications this calendar year in Academic Medicine. Dean Parmelee, working with the FCC, will organize a task force to review our current curriculum for necessary changes to prepare our students for the future of medicine. The Flexner Report update released this past February in Academic Medicine has inspired all medical schools to review and update their current curriculum.

DAGMEC

As of July 1, 2010, the DAGMEC office transitioned into the Office of Faculty & Clinical Affairs, leaving the GDAHA where it had been located since 1996. All functions of DAGMEC will continue. As some may remember, prior to the formation of the GME consortium, the BSoM Office of Faculty and Clinical Affairs oversaw the functions of DAGMEC.

Department Updates

- **Emergency Medicine**: Dr. Jim Brown was appointed chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, effective July 1, 2010.
- **Family Medicine**: Following the retirement of Mark Clasen and a national search for his replacement, Dr. Richard Pretorius was named chair of the department effective November 1, 2010.
- **Neurology Chair Recruitment**: Candidates continue to be interviewed for this chair position. The Search Committee will be meeting in late June 2011 to review all candidates and then recommend appropriate candidates to be considered by Dean Part for appointment. Drs. Molly Hall from PHP and Jerry Kay from BSoM are co-chairing the search committee. 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.

- **Surgery**: Dr. Mary McCarthy was appointed chair of surgery for a two-year term, effective April 19, 2010.

**Research Support**

During the school’s last strategic planning session, there was clear belief that we needed to enhance the clinical research arena and the basic science/clinical science interface, particularly translational research. To facilitate these objectives, Dr. Pickoff has been appointed to serve as assistant dean for clinical research.

**PHP/WSU Research Alliance**

Dr. Hall reported that PHP has hired Huron Consulting to develop a plan and implementation strategy to enhance the research alliance between PHP and WSU. The development of a research infrastructure would better enable collaboration between individuals at PHP with those at WSU and would enable clinicians to more easily engage in research. This is likely to become a reality within the next 12 months or so, and could pay major dividends as we move into the clinical translational research arena.

**VA Medical Center**

Dr. Steve Cohen retired as chief of staff in September 2010 and Dr. William Germann, a retired Brigadier General and chief of the Primary Care Service at the VA, was named acting chief of staff. Also, with the reassignment of Mr. Guy Richardson, Dayton VA Center Director, Mr. William Montague has been appointed acting center director of the Dayton VA.

**WSU Incentive Based Budgeting Initiative**

The University has hired the Huron Consulting firm to recommend a new budgeting methodology called “Incentive-Based Budgeting.” The goal is to make the various units responsible and accountable for their resources and expenses and to incentivize units to be more entrepreneurial. This would likely not take effect until FY12 or FY13.

**WSU General Education Courses**

As the University moves toward implementing Incentive Based Budgeting, Dr. Part was approached by University administration and asked if any of our faculty would be interested in offering a general education course focused on a medically related topic. This would provide a new source of revenue. If interested or you would like to have some additional information, please contact the Dean’s Office.

Our contact on campus is Thomas Sudkamp, PhD, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and University College.

**Campus Medical Office Building**

WSP will likely begin construction of a new building on campus that will house, among other things, the practices of the DoFM, Neurology, Dermatology and the Sports Medicine Institute and potentially other related specialties. The new building will be located at the northeast side of the Route 844 exit/behind the Nutter Center. Closing on the loan is expected to occur May 18, 2011, with construction to begin soon thereafter.

**WSU/BSOM Website Redesign**

As background, one of President Hopkins’s goals is to standardize the University’s website inclusive of all college and school websites in order to maintain consistency and cohesiveness.
The web team at the University has created the framework. Within that context, Cindy Young and her team have worked with the University to reconstruct our website, which went live in May 2011.

Discussions with Legislative Delegation
Several WSU officials including President Hopkins, Provost Angle, Dr. Filipic, Dr. Narayanan, Dr. Part and Mr. Bob Hickey met with area legislators recently, including Chris Widener, chair of the Senate Finance Committee. Dr. Part discussed how higher education and medical schools, in particular, are good economic investments for the State of Ohio. The Governor’s budget was released March 15. The bill was then reviewed and modified by the House of Representatives. The Senate is currently considering the bill and the Conference Committee will reconcile differences prior to the Governor signing the bill into law.

University Administrative Changes/Leadership Searches
Dr. Yi Li has been appointed dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, effective July 1, 2011. He is the current chair of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Iowa.

STATE ISSUES

Chancellor appointed
Jim Petro has been appointed Chancellor. The Ohio Medical Schools Council of Deans will be meeting in the near future and hope to learn more about his agenda.

Director of ODH Appointed
Dr. Ted Wymyslo, previously director of the MVH Family Health Center, was appointed director of the Ohio Department of Health by Governor Kasich.

Medical School Funding Commission
The Commission met and approved the revised medical school funding formula developed by the Ohio medical school deans that imbedded the clinical teaching subsidy (25% of our budget) within the state share of instruction (65% of our budget). The recommendation was forwarded to the IUC and Chancellor. Concern remained that the four smaller line items—family medicine, AHEC, geriatrics and primary care—would be at risk during the biennial budget deliberations.

With a new administration in place, the future of the funding formula is uncertain. To date the Clinical Teaching Subsidy was not added into the State Share of Instruction, the CTS has been cut 15% by the house as has the family medicine, geriatrics and AHEC lines. The primary care line has been reduced by 20%. The fate of the accountability measures that were developed by the medical schools and shared with the Chancellor is also uncertain.

Budget Update
The change in administration in the Governor’s office is likely to affect how higher education is organized.

In addition to what was noted above, the SSI reduction for the BSoM is estimated to be 17%.

As of today, the BSoM anticipates a total minimum reduction of 17%. This projection remains uncertain as the budget makes its way to the Governor’s desk for signature.

A little known provision in the current state biennial budget stated that higher education would only receive 11 of 12 payments in the second year of the biennium to support core functions.
That amounts to an $800,000 reduction variance for the BSoM. It is anticipated that this will translate to a permanent base budget reduction. It now appears that state tax revenues are exceeding expectations and this payment may be restored. The issue remains to be resolved.

**Proctor and Gamble Agreement**

Proctor & Gamble has signed an agreement with the State of Ohio Chancellor’s Office on a master alliance agreement to facilitate interaction with the state’s universities. Dr. Bantle is the designated contact person with P&G and will forward ideas from P&G to the chairs to circulate among their faculty. If there is interest in a particular subject, Dr. Bantle will contact P&G and let them know we have faculty with expertise. If they choose to fund a research grant, it would be under the master alliance agreement, which would facilitate quicker negotiations. If faculty should have any ideas on research that may be of interest to P&G, please forward that information to Dr. Bantle and he will forward to P&G.

**NATIONAL ISSUES**

**Proposed NIH Spending Cuts**

There is tremendous pressure on the federal government to trim budgets, and the NIH is no exception. NIH funding has become very competitive and will likely get more so. There is a high likelihood that there will be substantial reductions to the NIH budget. Many national organizations, including the AAMC, are trying to make an economic case for maintaining current funding levels.

**Proposed GME/IME Budget Reductions**

The President’s bipartisan “deficit commission” proposed a 60% reduction in IME payments for teaching hospitals over a 10-year period.

**AMSA COI-Report Card**

The American Medical Student Association released its latest “Conflict of Interest” analysis. We will continue to review our policies and update them as necessary. Dr. Fyffe mentioned that the University is developing a new COI policy largely addressing financial conflicts. NIH and PHS are imposing criteria that aren’t applicable to other colleges and schools.

**Best Practices for Better Care**

The AAMC and the Council of Teaching Hospitals have initiated a program to improve health care by implementing evidence-based practices that improve quality and safety. The majority of medical schools in the country have signed on to this effort. The BSoM has joined the initiative as has Kettering Medical Center and MVH will join soon.