

LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – SHREVEPORT

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

WebEx virtual meeting due to COVID-19

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 5:00 PM

Minutes

- A. Call to order – Kenneth McMartin, PhD
 - a. Called to order at 17:04 by General Faculty President, Dr. McMartin
 - b. Meeting minutes from January 14, 2020 were approved unanimously
- B. Hospital Reports
 - OLHS: Chuck Daigle, CEO, Ochsner of North Louisiana
 - Steady decline in admissions and ventilator use related to COVID as of date; Thank you to the fabulous critical care + ED teams
 - St Mary campus: Imaging center opened, ambulatory surgical center opened May 5th, Women & Children services moved (111 beds); Allowing for future of 464 beds with 93% private beds within OLHS
 - ICU capacity efforts continuing (opened 30 additional ICU beds currently, plan for 100), Primary Care recruitment continuing with two new centers opening (St Vincent + Fern), Monroe JACHO visit coming soon
 - Ochsner Anywhere Care: virtual visits increased to 550/week in Shv and 100/week in Monroe and will continue with this option as we move forward
 - Veteran’s Administration Hospital Report:
 - Adopted firm posture of safety; ‘Way Forward’ plan (currently at 10% pre-normal seeing only urgent and emergent patients/surgeries/procedures) and will continue to ramp up as PPE and testing measures are secured– expect to be up to 100% by mid-July; Robust telehealth program; Student internships can begin in August, while residents continue to be on-site; <10 in-house COVID+ patients at this time
 - Introduction of new faculty members by department heads:
 - Welcome New Leadership: Dr. Byron Crawford-Chair for Department of Pathology, Dr. EJ Mayeaux- Associate Chair Primary Care, Mr. Prior - Chief Counsel for LSU Health Shv, Dr. Seidenberg - Chair of Family Medicine, Ms Toni Thibeaux - Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity Affairs, Mr Marcel Wright – Chief Fiscal Compliance Officer

C. Administrative Reports

- Chancellor's Report – G.E. Ghali, DDS, MD
 - Governor allowed Executive Order to expire and move into Phase 1 recovery – symptoms, cases and hospitalizations (called for overall reduction for 2 week period and we met that); We have tripled our ICU capacity; Robust testing occurring; Status of Phase 1 will be re-evaluated June 1 (Phase 2 potentially to begin June 6th); Continued need to minimize non-essential travel (executive order #59)
 - BOS working on re-evaluating position of President and Chancellor at main campus (currently one individual in both jobs)
- Dean's Report:
 - School of Medicine – David Lewis, MD, MBA
 - Recognize Dr. Broussard and Dr. McCathran for the monumental transition to St Mary's; Huge thank-you for all of the assistance with student-related requirements (AAMC 4th year students cannot do external rotations this year, All resident interviews will be virtual this year, etc); Recognize Dr. Chandler and Dr. Woerner for preparation for LCME visit
 - School of Graduate Studies – Kelly Tatchell, PhD
 - 2 PhD graduations, Labs opened with distancing restrictions last week, Summer courses will remain online, 1 Masters and 57 PhD enrolled
 - School of Allied Health Professions – Sharon Dunn, PhD
 - Successfully converted to web-based platform for all 7 programs; 348 enrolled this summer (not including online MPH students); Welcomed 122 new students into 6 disciplines yesterday; Virtual graduation was successful on May 7th and planned for August 8th graduation; Planning "phased re-entry" with our capacity for safe physical distancing; OTD approved for enrollment in 2022; New PhD program on track to start in Fall with 4 student cohort; 4 recent publications; COVID Impact clinically, but continued with telehealth services; Service-line opportunities for collaboration with specialty-practice residencies (Children's Center, Orthopedics, Neurological Rehab, Wound Management); New Audiologist hired; New Driving Simulator obtained pre-COVID; School-wide strategic planning at end of Fall semester + FDA developed committee structure to meet needs for strategic plan; AHEAD Program cancelled (June) – but had 40 applicants that will be offered shadowing experience in the Fall

- Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance – Mr. Jeff Reynolds
 - Legislative session update: 2021 State Fiscal Year Budget with a proposed 2% reduction in higher ed (~\$1.2million); Expecting a special session to occur in June; Cut scenarios from 2-15%, but optimistic that CARES Act will help to fill that hole; Hiring + Spending freeze for remainder of state fiscal year 2020 (exemption requests can be sent to Jeff Reynolds)
- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – Jane Eggerstedt, MD
 - P&T Process has been completed and all candidates have been notified – Congrats; Medical School Virtual Graduation will be Thursday, May 21st; Dr. Kaye will assume Provost/ViceChancellor of Academic Affairs role June 5th; Expect calls for Standing Committees, faculty evaluations and P&T requests soon (reviews due July 1)
- Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs – Charles Fox, MD
 - Began Phase 1 of ICU project (training floor RNs to be ICU RNs) has allowed for increase to 77 ICU beds currently (recently had 75 ICU beds occupied) – now into Phase 2 (moved W&C services to St Mary and conversion of 5-6J/G to ICU allowing requested increase to 154 ICU beds); Clinic volume is up to 75-80% now, OR recently hit 100% pre-COVID;
- Vice Chancellor for Research – Chris Kevil, PhD
 - Created the EVT Laboratory – doing testing for both Virus & Antibodies (Thank you to ALL of the staff who have worked tirelessly to see this to fruition); Research beginning to phase back up on campus; Research Core Facility will slowly come back online + Animal Care labs; Clinical research has been ongoing (12 different COVID-19 related trials ongoing); New NIH grants received despite restricted climate with quarantine
- Facilities update – Marc Gibson, MBA and Joe Miciotto
 - Currently working on new elevator project for C building (5 elevators); Worked with leadership team for **2 points of entrance for campus (BRI Atrium + Front of Administration building)**, Parking lots will slowly return to assigned parking lots and shuttle service will resume in coming weeks when M lot opens
- Faculty Senate Report – Steve Alexander, MD
 - Continuing to review standing committees and revision of Faculty Handbook, Mental Health Initiative + tremendous psychological demands related to COVID-19 and Dr. Cogburn is continue to offer services (links available on Faculty Senate Report); Faculty/Staff hiring concerns with freeze

- Graduate Medical Education – Leisa Oglesby, BSRN, MBA/DIO –
 - 44 accredited programs, 22 residency programs and 22 fellow programs; Graduating 157 Physicians in June with incoming 171; ‘Match’ took place in March with 125 matched and filled 96% first-round with 33 recruitments within; 5th regional poster presentation will take place Friday; Thank you to partners that assisted UMC in NOLA for COVID-19; Welcome Dr. Patel for OMFS Program Chair, Dr. Nambiar for Infectious Disease Associate Program Director and Dr. Pandit for GI Associate Program Director; GMEC Annual Report will take place via WebEx

D. Standing Committee Reports

- Written committee reports posted to Faculty Senate page at <https://intranet.lsuhsdcs.edu/Communities/FacultySenate/Pages/default.aspx?tab=Documents>

E. Old Business – none

F. New Business – none

G. Announcements – none

H. The meeting adjourned at 18:24