

University of Kentucky, College of Medicine Faculty Council

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Minutes

Basic Sciences	Clinical
Blonder, Lee	Deep, Kristy
Campbell, Ken	Gabriel, Gaby
Jones, Davy	Kearney, Paul
Peterson, Martha	Kiessling, Stefan
Whiteheart, Wally	Martin, Julia
	Meadows, Amy
	Sloan, Paul

In attendance

Guests: Dean DiPaola, Dr. Jim Geddes, Dr. Chipper Griffith, Dr. Renay Scales, Dr. Chris Feddock

The Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

Dean DiPaola (Invited guest) introduced Dr. Renay Scales, Ph.D. (Invited guest) the new COM Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion. She was welcomed by the Council.

Dean DiPaola addressed the Council regarding the department chair recruitment efforts. Two chair searches are ongoing (Pharmacology/Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology/Cancer Biology). One search has identified a candidate (Psychiatry) and a fourth is initiating (Neuroscience).

Dr. Chipper Griffith (Invited guest) addressed the Council regarding a proposal to change the COM grading system for medical students to Pass/Fail. This change has been done by other institutions and is meant to reduce student stress. The system is competency-based and allows for more focus on attaining skills. Grading on didactic course will use numerical grades to determine competency but the numbers will not appear on transcripts. The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes.

Dr. Chris Feddock (Invited guest) addressed the Council regarding changes to College Rules that are needed for LCME. Descriptions of and Rules for the COM Admissions, Curriculum, and Student Progress and Promotions Committees have been edited to make them more in line with LCME requirements. These revised Rules will be presented at a future General Faculty meeting for approval. Special thanks to Dr. Davy Jones for his efforts in formulating the text for these changes.

Dr. Jim Geddes (Invited guest) addressed the Council regarding the Wethington Award Program. Eligibility for the awards as well as the timing of awards to Clinical and Basic Science faculty were discussed. The Council voted unanimously to endorse the Award Policy revisions as presented.

Dr. Jim Geddes updated the Council on some BEST initiatives. He discussed initiatives from the Academic Growth Drive Team, specifically pilot tests of new ways to use the Kronos system and efforts to better clarify the duties of Departmental Administrators and the IBUs.

The Faculty Council was asked to consider new topics for future meetings and to email them to the chair.

No new business was brought forward at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.