

University of Kentucky, College of Medicine Faculty Council  
March 20, 2018  
**Minutes**

**Present**

Lee Blonder  
Davy Jones  
Martha Peterson  
Wally Whiteheart  
Paul Sloan  
Amy Meadows  
Paul Kearney  
Gaby Gabriel

**Not Present**

Ken Campbell  
Stefan Kiessling  
Kristy Deep  
Julia Martin

**Invited Guests:** Dean DiPaola, Lauren Greathouse, Dr. Nancy Schoenberg, Dr. Michael Rowland

**The Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm**

**Dr. Whiteheart announced the College of Medicine Committee Nominations were held February 26, 2018 - March 12, 2018.** Faculty Council members were invited to submit nominations and were supportive of sending out the nomination invitation again to COM Senior Leadership, Chairs, and Center Directors. The Faculty Council members asked the Dean to request the Chairs to solicit nominations from their departments.

**Dr. DiPaola (invited guest)** provided an update on the current Chair searches. There is a final candidate for the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences entering into negotiations. The Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology has two final external candidates for the Dean to review and recommend next steps. The Department of Pediatrics Chair search is just being launched and committee is forming. The Department of Family and Community Medicine has two candidates scheduled for April interviews. The Department of Behavioral Science committee is formed and getting ready to launch. It was noted that when a recommendation on appointment of a person to be department chair is submitted to the Provost, it is to be accompanied by the written judgments of at least the tenured faculty members of the department.

**Lauren Greathouse, Senior Director of Communications, COM (Invited guest)** presented the COM Social Media Strategy (see attached slides). The purpose is to engage people in the COM events and keep the focus on our educational mission. Currently COM has the following social media accounts: Facebook page (University of Kentucky College of Medicine), LinkedIn (Robert S. DiPaola, MD) and a YouTube page (UKCollegeofMedicine). The proposed plan is to create two Twitter Accounts- @DeanDiPaola and @UKMedicine. Topics for tweets will include news about department chairs, new recruits, team accomplishments, new grants, major events, and retweets from UKnow, UK HealthCare etc. Other ideas that are currently being considered include Instagram (effective for student communication and recruitment) Texting services (group texting with opt in/out options) and Intranet to enhance communication for internal staff and faculty. Discussion was had about how to utilize social media to best enhance our communications, including using UKnow and IntheLoop more effectively. Faculty Council was supportive of moving forward in this process.

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**Dr. Nancy Schoenberg (invited guest) presented a proposal for creating “The UK Center for Health Equity Transformation” as a new multidisciplinary research center (GR VII.C.5) –** See attached presentation slides. UK currently does not have a health equity center, while nearly every benchmark does. Benefits of adding this center were presented and reviewed. Some benefits include tremendous increase in NIH and other funding opportunities, strengthen existing centers and institutes at UK, bridge medicine with other colleges, and enhance underrepresented groups’ hires and student engagement. Funding support is expected to come from COM, the Vice President of Research Office, as well as the Markey Cancer Center.

Faculty Council discussed the following- academic component, financial support and organizational structure aspects of the center proposal. The discussion reviewed the distinction made by University *Governing Regulations* between multidisciplinary research centers as a kind of educational unit versus administrative centers/units, and that CHET amply meets the criteria for multidisciplinary research center. The appointment of a Director of CHET, as the chief officer of an educational unit, was recommended to be processed to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Motion to approve the academic content proposed for this educational unit- unanimous.

Motion to endorse creation of this educational unit on the basis of infrastructure/resources and its organizational reporting to the College of Medicine- unanimous.

**Dr. Whiteheart provided an update on the Primary Care Faculty Nominations for the Faculty Effort Subcommittee-** he extended invitations to Dr. Sarah Schuetz in Internal Medicine and Dr. James Daniel Moore in Emergency Medicine.

**Dr. Whiteheart provided an update on the Strategic Plan COMMITS Pillar Nominations- Excellent response from faculty-** 91 faculty members were nominated or self-nominated to the five pillars as part of COM’s strategic plan. Faculty Council suggested reaching out to some of these people and inviting them to serve on the COM Committees if they are not selected to serve on the final Pillar groups.

**New Business-** Dr. Mark Newman will be attending Faculty Council on April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss his views on the future of Health Care Enterprise and the COM.

Kim Harris (Senior Director of Philanthropy) will be attending May 15 to discuss Philanthropy efforts of COM

Dr. Whiteheart announced will not be in attendance on April 17<sup>th</sup>- he requested volunteers to chair the meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.**

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