University of Kentucky, College of Medicine Faculty Council  
February 20, 2017  
Minutes

**Present**  
Lee Blonder  
Davy Jones  
Martha Peterson  
Wally Whiteheart  
Kristy Deep  
Julia Martin  
Stefan Kiessling  
Paul Sloan  
Paul Kearny  
Gaby Gabriel

**Not Present**  
Ken Campbell  
Amy Meadows

**Invited Guests:**  
Dean DiPaola, Dr. Susan Smyth, Dr. Greg Jicha, Therese Stearns; Faculty Effort Subcommittee members (Dr. Michael Dobbs, Dr. Jim Geddes, Dr. Mitzi Schumacher, Dr. Chipper Griffith, Dr. Renay Scales, Jessica Slone, Dr. Nada Porter), Alyssa Huddleston

**The Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm**

**Dr. Smyth and Ms. Stearns (invited guests) presented a report on the MD/PhD program**- See attached slides. Currently this program requires students to complete 2 years of medical school, break for graduate school, return to complete their final 2 years of medical school, resulting in an average of 7.8 years until dual degree is earned. Sometimes there are exceptions to this process; currently piloting plan to allow students to attend 3 years of med school first before breaking for graduate school. 30 students are currently enrolled- 25% women, 2 students from underrepresented minorities. The program receives 80-120 applicants per year. PhD Programs that are currently involved include programs from College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Arts and Sciences- Statistics, Sociology, and Biomedical Engineering. Current students are publishing regularly and doing “phenomenally”. Some discussion around the reason women are not applying at the rate of males and ways to increase applications. Discussed applying for MSTP funding, previous application from UK COM was denied but program has changed and grown since this time. Dr. Jicha offered his assistance in re-applying. Discussed cutting the 4th year of medical school a bit shorter to make the program more appealing. Dr. Griffith addressed the need to get approval from accrediting bodies to make a change like this. Marketing to prospective students currently being done through website, NIH fair, and recruiting around underrepresented minorities especially.

**Dr. Whiteheart addressed the council on nominations for a primary care faculty to serve on Faculty Effort Subcommittee**- Two names were submitted since last meeting. Dr. Whiteheart will contact both of them and will provide an update at the next meeting.

**Dr. DiPaola (invited guest) introduced the need for the Faculty Council to evaluate and impact the draft Faculty Effort Subcommittee recommendations.** He explained that a very important goal is for the College of Medicine to increase the efficiency with which it accomplishes its missions. Dean DiPaola explained that the activities of the Faculty Effort Subcommittee are intended toward that goal. In order to facilitate substantive impact of the Faculty Council on the final subcommittee recommendations, the subcommittee members were invited to participate in discussion with the Faculty Council about revisions of the draft recommendations.
**BEST Faculty Effort Subcommittee Recommendations Discussion**- Dr. Dobbs presented Faculty Effort Recommendations and Faculty Council Members as well as members of the BEST Faculty Effort Implementation Team worked through each section of recommendations and made edits. These edits were incorporated into the slides reviewed by the BEST academic Growth Drive Team on February 21, 2018. The final version of the slides can be viewed at the UK BEST SharePoint site - [https://ukhealthcare.mc.uky.edu/ourbest/SitePages/Home.aspx](https://ukhealthcare.mc.uky.edu/ourbest/SitePages/Home.aspx) [LinkBlue login required; VPN required if accessing off campus].

*No new business was brought forward at this time.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.