

Attendance:

Basic Sciences	Clinical
Kelly, Tom	Bailey, Paula
Kilgore, Michael	Erickson, Deborah
Peterson, Martha	Iocono, Joe
Sullivan, Pat	Jackson, Wendy
Wilson, Melinda	Jicha, Greg
	Kiessling, Stefan
	Springer, Joe

**in attendance*

Guest: Dr. John Wilson, Department of Behavioral Science, Faculty Trustee

Faculty Council chair status: Prior to the meeting, by electronic ballot, Kelly was elected Faculty Council Chair Pro Tem. Kelly will work with past Chair Springer and Michael Kilgore, who has indicated interest in serving as the next chair, pro tem, to maintain continuity in ongoing faculty council activities. A proposal to permit rotating chairs in the faculty council, *as well as other options for chair service*, will be presented to the COM faculty for consideration and subsequent vote at the December general faculty meeting.

December General Faculty Meeting: At the August Faculty Council meeting, COM representatives to the AAMC Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS), Drs. Kevin Pearce and Lumy Sawaki, reported on critical issues impacting medical faculty that were discussed at the most recent AAMC meeting. Faculty Council endorsed a proposal to meet with Dr. Michael Rowland to evaluate the possibility of a joint Faculty Council/Office of Faculty Affairs initiative to examine those issues that align with LCME evaluation criteria in preparation for our upcoming LCME review. *These issues and initiatives will be presented at the December general faculty meeting.*

Update from Trustee Wilson:

1) Dr. Wilson oriented the faculty council to the use of data to inform presentations and ongoing discussions at Board of Trustee meetings. There was consensus in the discussion for the importance of having accurate data to support these discussions. Dr. Wilson expressed concern about reports of the size of the medical school student enrollment and basic science faculty that

had been shared with the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting. Faculty Council agreed to work with Dr. Wilson to evaluate on the accuracy of the report.

2) Dr. Wilson discussed ongoing efforts to draft a proposal to establish a University Ombud position that would report directly to the Board of Trustees. This position would be established in order to offer a neutral evaluation in university disciplinary matters. Faculty Council expressed support for the development of the proposal.

Other Business: Several council members shared reports of questions and concerns from faculty members related to the release of the updated Wethington Award Policy. Faculty Council agreed to distribute the updated policy to all Faculty Council members and to advise Dean de Beer of these questions and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 and the next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2015.