

**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*

*Guests: Dr. Rebecca Dutch, Associate Dean for Biomedical Education*

**Stipend Levels for Graduate Students:** Dr. Dutch provided a rationale for an increase in graduate student stipend levels from \$23,500 to \$25,000 beginning in the next fiscal year. Dean de Beer has agreed to provide funds to offset the costs of this increase for current students. Faculty Council endorsed the proposal unanimously.

**Undergraduate Teaching Initiatives:** Dr. Dutch provided an update. COM faculty members are now teaching approximately 15 undergraduate honors courses per semester, and these courses have been very well received. The Anatomy/Neurobiology department and COM faculty members are key partners in the new Neuroscience major which was approved this fall, and there are already approximately 70 students enrolled in the major. Ongoing efforts include development of minor degree offerings in Pharmacology and Physiology and examination of ways to enhance Biochemistry teaching at the undergraduate level to allow for adequate preparation for medical school, including the development of a 2 semester course sequence in biochemistry that would be helpful for many pre-med majors. Dr. Dutch emphasized the importance of having COM faculty members participate on undergraduate education committees, and for our elected senate faculty members to help educate our colleagues on the positive impact that COM faculty have on undergraduate education.

**Medical Group Committee:** Dr. Jicha summarized the topics that were presented at the last Medical Group Committee meeting.

**Clinical/Tenure-Track Faculty Ratio Cap:** Faculty Council was unanimous in its agreement with the 2011 Faculty Council report that recognized the critical importance of clinical title series faculty in meeting the missions of the COM and recommended an increase in the clinical title series faculty ratio cap from 100% to 300%. Faculty Council also concluded that the ratio cap is no longer a functional metric for guiding faculty hiring in the COM and recommended a review of AR 2.6.

**Faculty Council Chair/Chair-Elect:** Faculty Council unanimously elected Michael Kilgore to serve as Chair of the Faculty Council for the remainder of the current term and Greg Jicha as chair elect.

**Other Business:** Faculty Council discussed appointments to the newly established Endowed Chairs and Professorship Committee (addition of a faculty representative was recommended) and KMSF. There was discussion that concerns regarding KMSF may be outside the purview of Faculty Council and it was recommended that this topic be considered by the to-be established subcommittee on clinical title-series faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 and the next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2016.