

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2021

Online Meeting - 5:00 pm

Present via call-in (in alphabetic order): Collins, Jay; Daniel, Dianne; Derkay, Craig; Flaherty, J.; Hosseini, Alireza; Ikonne, Uzona (A); Lappinen, Eric; Lattanzio, Frank; Morris, Shannon; Musto, Alberto; Pant, Mohan; Rubino, Mary; Smith, Robert; Strunc, Michael

Invited guest: Dr. Akos Delneky

1. The Faculty Senate was called to order at 5:06 by Dr. Hosseini.
2. The minutes of the January 2021 Faculty Senate meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.
3. Dr. Hosseini introduced Dr. Akos Deneky, the new Director of Library Services who was replacing Kerrie Shaw, who just retired after long service with EVMS.
4. Dr. Hosseini spoke about his meeting with Dr. Homan. (1) The Path Forward taskforces met and submitted their recommendations to update the Path Forward Plan. The revised Path Forward Plan was submitted the EVMS BOV on February 3, 2021. The BOV will make its decision as to whether the Plan would be accepted. The next BOV meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2021, but the BOV could call an emergency meeting if necessary. The cost of implementation of the Manatt proposal was estimated to be \$15 million or \$80 million for full integration (in Path Forward Plan). There has been an ongoing question of the level of interaction with Sentara and also CHKD with the Path Forward Plan. As previously noted, the EVMS BOV declined the Manatt proposal, but the BOV could submit the Path Forward Plan to Sentara, CHKD and ODU with the new budget. Dr. Homan made a point of congratulating all the Faculty Senators involved in revising the Plan, whether through the Faculty Senate's combined suggestions or as individual members of the four Path Forward taskforces. (2) The LCME accreditation visit was completed and EVMS is now waiting for the final report in March 2021. Initial performance reviews were very good, with only a few comments by the virtual LCME visitors. (3) The SACS visit starts noon, February 16, 2021 through February 17 and will be a virtual site visit. Originally the SACS visit was to

occur in February 2020. Prior to that date EVMS had submitted their initial SACS report and a few comments by SACS had been subsequently returned. Despite the COVID-related year long delay, SACS did not ask for a full update, but only requested information about select offices and programs that was then provided by Dr. Don Combs. It was noted that although the SACS visit was virtual, the SACs group could still contact individuals by telephone or email, with their main focus ostensibly on the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan, entitled Live Humble). The QEP started in 2020, involved the Medical Student first and second year classes in 2021 and then would soon migrate to the SHP. Dr. Derkay asked about the new ODU President, who was to be named today (February 15), but this pending change in leadership although known, was not discussed during Dr. Hosseini's meeting with Dr. Homan. (4) The EVMS graduation for the Medical School and the School of Health Profession will again be virtual. Dr. Derkay mentioned that EVMS would be sponsoring a forum on health disparities and diversity in Hampton Roads on February 24 with several nationally recognized speakers, but there would be limited questions from the audience.

5. Dr. Derkay was concerned that there would be an unacceptable delay in making the decision about the revised Path Forward Plan if the BOV waited until their scheduled March 17 meeting, given the activity of Sentra in engaging the state, NSU and ODU in their proposal. Dr. Homan also had mentioned to Dr. Hosseini that he was also exploring other options during that waiting period, but did not disclose them. The question of budget support for the proposed joint MPH program may be delayed, as the Commonwealth is extending budget planning to allow the final House and Senate budget to be approved. This delay will allow EVMS more time to refine the Path Forward Plan and also allow the Federal stimulus money to be received by Virginia. However, Dr. Homan felt that much of the proposed budget for education would be targeted to grades K through 12, with little for higher education. Dr. Derkay questioned about whether Federal relief for Virginia and its municipalities may free some Virginia money, but this money may then be re-directed to correct COVID-related problems. The concern that was then raised that if EVMS accepted Virginia money, would EVMS then be obligated to follow the Manatt proposal.

Dr. Derkay also noted the neither Sentara nor CHKD had been involved in formulating the Path Forward Plan, but similarly, EVMS had not been involved in the formulation of the Manatt proposal.

6. Dr. Hosseini then introduced Dr. Delneky, who had arrived in his post at EVMS in January, 2021. Dr. Delneky then thanked the search committee members for giving him the opportunity to work at EVMS. Dr. Delneky then spoke about his initial vision for the library and said that he wanted to meet with individuals and the general faculty to find out what their needs were regarding research, education, clinical medicine and how to best serve the community. He had met with the library advisory committee and there was a discussion about creating a more interactive library website, with a news grid, updates and other features. Dr. Delneky was also expecting to have a meeting with MarCom in the near future. He wanted to provide meaningful services to support the educational mission of the school, including projects and research assistance for the students and the faculty. Dr. Delneky wanted to provide potentially life-saving information to his patrons, including both information access and information creation on publishing, copyrights and other areas of intellectual wealth. Dr. Derkay asked about the costs for access for alumni, emeritus and community faculty. Some of these issues should be discussed directly at a meeting with EVMS alumni. Community faculty also have less access than full time faculty, a limit that impairs their ability to educate students. Dr. Delneky mentioned that other institutions made adjustments to allow community access. Dr. Hosseini asked if this access is related to having an email account that allows access. Dr. Derkay mentioned the email account cutoff number, which yields a significant savings on the price, with the downside of this limited number of accounts and access to the library. Dr. Strunc said the Faculty Senate should push for this access for emeritus and community faculty. Dr. Rubino said that this benefit of access may encourage acceptance of student placements in community faculty clinics. Dr. Hosseini suggested that Dr. Delneky research the option of expanded faculty access. Dr. Derkay mentioned working with the Development office to find a donor to support this plan. Dr. Hosseini then asked Dr. Delneky to return to the Faculty Senate

with information about developing this plan, discuss this plan with the Faculty Senate and then find out how the Faculty Senate could support this plan.

7. In Old Business, Dr. Hosseini mentioned that Dr. Mylona had reported that the Faculty Handbook was finalized and approved in September BOV meeting. The current version of the Faculty Handbook is now available through the EVMS Portal and allows updating individual components, just as other departments do with their internal documents.
8. With no further items on the agenda, a vote for adjournment was called and the approved. The Faculty Senate adjourned at about 5:48 PM.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021