

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024
Hofheimer Hall Room 757
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- 1) Call to Order 5:00pm
- 2) Members' introduction
- 3) Approval of December Minutes
- 4) Guest Speaker: Dr. Alfred Abuhamad, President, Provost and Dean
 - a) The integration process is on the way to become effective July 1, 2024
 - i) Commonwealth support - requested additional \$30 million approved by the governor; proposal has reassurances from multiple members, not voted on yet; part of this will cover the additional cost of benefits from the state of VA; accrued sick leave for the employees will be paid at the fixed hourly rate and limited -more at Town Hall meeting in March; disability coverage will be bought for the first year after the integration.
 - ii) Sentara Affiliation Agreement was signed for 10 years and will be in effect July 1, 2024; additional 5M was secured for the gap period
 - iii) Intergovernmental transfer - hospital eligible to receive additional funding to make up the difference between Medicaid reimbursement and that of commercial insurance. Will come to EVMS through Sentara in the amount of 20 to 40 M
 - b) Basic Sciences Departments restructuring
 - i) There is a proposal to restructure the basic sciences departments after the consultation with Kaufman Hall and multiple meetings to:
 - (1) Maximize resources and collaboration among basic science researchers
 - (2) Enhance coordination of research
 - (3) Incentivize collaboration between basic scientists and clinicians

- ii) Chairs were encouraged to share the proposal with the faculty
 - iii) A Town Hall meeting for faculty will be scheduled to discuss the proposal further
 - iv) The Chair of Biomedical Sciences will be recruited
 - (1) They will communicate with Dean, EVMS SOM, Dean, EVMS SHP, Vice Dean, Academic Affairs, and HSC Research
 - (2) Education director and research directors (one for each division: cancer, women's health, neuroinflammatory, cardiovascular) will report to the Chair
 - (a) No decision on how directors will be recruited
 - (b) Educational research will be included in the Education branch
 - (3) Biorepository will report directly to the chair
 - v) Faculty evaluation for FY24 done by the respective chairs and future evaluations done by the directors and forwarded to the Chair
 - vi) This proposal does not cut costs; no staff or faculty will lose their jobs
- 5) Guest Speaker: Dr. Ronald Flenner, Vice Dean of Medical Student Education
- a) 51st class matriculated last August
 - b) For MD class matriculating 2024:
 - i) 7649 applicants for 150 seats as of 01/09/2024; 123 accepted the offers; 180 applicants waitlisted; 64 from VA, 22 from Hampton Roads
 - ii) MCAT score average 513.3, GPA 3.77, BCPM 3.70
 - c) Match rate last year (after SOAP) 99.3% compared to 93.3% national
 - d) Accreditation:
 - i) Full accreditation achieved during the 2020 visit
 - ii) Two elements, 3.2: Research opportunities, 5.11: Study/Lounge/Storage space have been unsatisfactory since February 2021 and must be changed by the next status report (August 2025)
 - (1) The Medical Student Research Program started in August 2023 and so far consulted 100+ students

- (2) A meeting with Sentara is scheduled to discuss the renovation of a space in SNGH for students; plans to renovate two spaces in HH, 7th floor
- iii) Next status report due August 2025
- iv) Next LCME visit 2028-2029
- e) CareForward curriculum 2.0 (redesigned) started last August
 - i) 4 years overall; it shortens the basic science curriculum to 18 months; gives more time for electives (basic sciences included)
 - ii) USMLE Step 1 is Pass/Failed- shifts emphasis on Step 2
 - iii) The increased number of students applying to very competitive residencies (dermatology, ortho) take a Leave of Absence to conduct research
 - iv) 2024-2025 pilot (2 students) Emergency Medicine accelerated 3-year curriculum with possibility of the return to 4-year curriculum when/if needed
- f) Clinical training sites
 - i) Shortage overall, med school competes with other schools and our own PA students' placement
 - ii) Women's health and pediatrics the most challenging
 - iii) Preceptors are now being paid \$500/student/week
- 6) President's Report- nothing to report
- 7) ODU Faculty Senate Representation
 - a) Dr. Dobrian will facilitate a meeting with ODU for Faculty Senate President, Dr. Collins, and then for the Executive Committee.
 - b) Faculty volunteered already to represent EVMS at ODU faculty meetings; virtual option was offered.
- 8) EVMS Faculty Assembly by-laws will be amended by two members (President-elect and secretary), presented at first to the executive committee for edits, and Senators in March: the goal of being approved by April so it goes to the Board in June
- 9) Suggestions for guest speakers
 - a) Dr. Rick Handel - Wellness Committee; will reach out to schedule

10) Adjourn at 6:18pm

Coming Up:

Next Meeting: **February 19, 2024**, Room 757 Hofheimer Hall with Zoom option for those who are off campus

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