

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
January 24, 2022
Virtual Meeting
5:00 pm**

Present: A. Hosseini; M. Rubino; S. Morris, F. Lattanzio; M. Mlynarczyk; J. Sharp; R. Koteeswaran; M. Chakan; E. Crandley; A. Musto; C. Derkay; U. Ikinne; R. Smith; M. Pant;

Guests: David Mu

1. Call to Order Derkay: 5:02pm
2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting Derkay
 1. Motion made and seconded, minutes approved as submitted.
3. Guest Speaker - Dr. David Mu - Interim Director of Research
 1. Staff outlined - Dr. Derkay asked re: adequacy of staff to match office of research - understaffed in student research resources, otherwise right-sized.
 2. Reviewed office of research structure
 3. Vice dean of research - role in compliance with NIH, federal government, etc; research direction/vision - Dr. Mu's perspective - do best to cultivate research in residents and students, faculty development, seed funding, opportunities for collaborative research
 4. Discussed Medical sTudent Research Opportunities (METRO) - student pressure to do research, USMLE step 1 results now pass/fail; most medical schools require research of students
 - i. Founded in September 2020
 - ii. Website - google "EVMS METRO"
 - iii. EVMS Research Society - student club, founded 2021. 9 events held 2021 - IRB process, keys to effective presentation; how to read research article quickly; HADSI resources; Artificial Intelligence; Summer

research experience - M2 panel; Databases readily available - e.g. without need for IRB approval - without PHI; Research compliance; Extended leave from EVMS to engage in research - student experiences

1. Approx 20-30 students at each meeting
 2. Gathering data on how much research experience students have participated in (e.g. 4th years). Previously this data had not been collected
 3. Dr. Derkay noted importance of student research experience in context of P/F of USMLE step 1 exam
 4. Safety net Program (early April when matching for Summer Scholars is winding down) - students who don't have another opportunity lined up
 5. Received funding from Dr. Homan and discussing with Dr. Abuhamad to be able to offer stipend
 6. Also vehicle for student research opportunities
- iv. Safety Net Program
 - v. Clinical data access for research
 - vi. Go-to point for students' questions about research - meets with students ASAP after they express interest/questions
 - vii. Intake point of student travel awards - request comes to METRO
 - viii. Maintain database of outside research opportunities
 - ix. Dr. Collins voiced concern over concern of access to Epic or CHKD EHR - METRO is working with students to help. Dr. Mu responded that Sentara is an outside entity, though Sentara is willing to work with EVMS. Reviews data requests - sometimes request is not clean (e.g. cholesterol medication data - need to specify); Sometimes request is incompatible with database.

5. Dr. Derkay expressed appreciation for presentation, noted he was unaware of some of the initiatives, suggested approaching larger departments to gain time at department meetings.
 6. Dr. Musto asked if budget is available for student research supplies - funds available for faculty (\$400 can be applied for)
 - 7.
4. President's Report Derkay
1. Dr. Abuhamad and Dr. Waldholtz in meeting with BOV, will reschedule for February.
 2. Meeting with president - meeting with BOV - 3-7 years with current resources; growth requires additional partners - consultant feels ODU and Sentara are the right ones
 3. Goal - Winter/early Spring - value to EVMS for moving forward in the mission areas; EVMS branding needs to be preserved; EVMS board requires its own identity; Governance being explored; identify additional resources to make things work - state, Sentara - create financial stability for EVMS.
 4. Affiliation agreement - being reviewed by Sentara, possibly to OBV tonight, or by end of month; Dr. Abuhamad optimistic that package would be negotiable to level satisfactory to school. Disappointed with state funding, pursuing process to approach state.
 5. School of Public Health with ODU and NSU is separate from process involving Sentara, EVMS, commonwealth, ODU
 6. Acting chair for OB/GYN - Dr. Peter Takacs while Dr. Abuhamad is interim dean
 7. Publicity involving Blackface in media again, causing frustration
 8. Dr. Northam will be returning to EVMS and resuming clinical practice in neurology at CHKD
 9. Concerns for upcoming match - interviews all virtual; anticipating institutions may keep more of their own students consistent with last year's trend, though limited number of spots

10. No meeting between Dean and incoming governor yet, though will meet in February, uncertain how change in governance will play out for EVMS.
5. Old business - representative for fringe benefits committee
 1. Proposals reviewed - 1. Rep would be outgoing president - has familiarity with issues raised by Senate over several years, though would be changing yearly; 2. Assign to a senator at large - could have more longitudinal representation. Dr. Derkay nominated Dr. Hosseini. Re-visit 1 year and reappoint or
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

Coming Up:

- Proposed guest speakers for upcoming meetings Derkay
 - February - Dr. Abuhamad and Dr. Waldholtz
- Reminder: General Faculty Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2022

Next Meeting: February 21, 2022 5:00PM

Approved 2/21/22