

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2021

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

| Voting Members- Chairs   |                                   | Voting Members- Other   | Non-Voting Members-         |                                |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Allison, Jeroan, MD      | McKee, Diane, MD, MS              | Abramo, Kristin         | Artenstein, Andrew, MD      | Kneeland, Michael, MD          |
| Ayers, David MD          | McManus, David, MD                | Colwell, Lauren         | Berryman, Jennifer          | Lane, Mary Ellen, PhD          |
| Baldor, Robert, MD       | Moore Simas, Tiffany, MD, MPH Med | Fain, James             | Chakrabarti, Parth, MD, MBA | Larkin, Anne, MD               |
| Boney, Charlotte, MD     | Rathlev, Niels, MD                | Flotte, Terence, MD     | Chimienti, Sonia, MD        | Lindstedt, John, CPA           |
| Budnik, Vivian, PhD      | Rhein, Lawrence, MD, MPH          | Lane, Mary Ellen, PhD   | Collins, Michael MD         | Luzuriaga, Katherine, MD       |
| Davis, Roger, PhD        | Rock, Kenneth, MD                 | Mandrekar, Pranoti, PhD | Colombo, Lisa, DNP, MHA     | Manno, Mariann, MD             |
| Feldmann, Edward, MD     | Rosen, Max, MD                    | McMaster, Erin, MD      | Dekker, Job, PhD            | Mattocks, Kristin, PhD, MPH    |
| FitzGerald, TJ, MD       | Sankey, Heather, MD               | Pavao, M. Richard, MD   | DeMarco, Deborah, MD        | Peterson, Craig, PhD           |
| Green, Michael, PhD      | Sarvet, Barry, MD                 | Sadasivam, Rajani, PhD  | Dickson, Eric, MD, MHCM     | Peterson, Kenneth, PhD, MS, RN |
| Harris, John, MD, PhD    | Schaal, Shlomit, MD               | Vitello, Joan, RN, PhD  | Emerson, Charles, PhD       | Schanzer, Andres, MD           |
| Hicks, Richard, MD       | Silver, Brian, MD                 |                         | Fischer, Melissa, MD, Med   | Schiffer, Celia, PhD           |
| Jabbour, Nicolas, MD     | Sokoloff, Mitchell, MD            |                         | Frazier, Jean, MD           | Sell, Peter, MD                |
| Jacobson, Allan, PhD     | Thomas, Abraham, MD, MPH          |                         | Friedmann, Peter, MD        | Tosi, Stephen, MD              |
| Johnson, Mark, MD, PhD   | Vieira, Peter, MD                 |                         | Gao, Guangping, PhD         | Walhout, Marian, PhD           |
| Khan, Ashraf, MD         | Volturo, Gregory, MD              |                         | Gottlieb, Amy, MD           | Weaver, David, PhD             |
| Kim, Daniel, MD          | Walz, Matthias, MD                |                         | Gustafson, Michael, MD      | Weng, Zhiping, PhD             |
| Litwin, Demetrius, MD    | Yonkers, Kimberly, MD             |                         | Harlan, David, MD           | Wolf, Gregory                  |
| Matthews, C. Robert, PhD | Zamore, Phillip, PhD              |                         | Hinchev, Kevin, MD          |                                |
|                          |                                   |                         | Klempner, Mark, MD          |                                |

Dr. Fain called the meeting to order

## STANDING REPORTS

### Chancellor Update

Dr. Collins announced the creation of a work group to look into equity issues in relation to the vaccine rollout. The expectation is the new Biden administration will ramp up the vaccine supply, resulting in more doses to the state. Dr. Collins believes the newly created UMass Medical School Vaccine Corps will play a large role in vaccine distribution in and around the Worcester area. Students are very engaged in helping the City's Department of Public Health distribute vaccines to the homeless population, first responders and senior citizens living in congregate housing. Given the involvement of many students, faculty and staff in the vaccination campaign in Worcester and beyond, it is important the medical school helps to lead a conversation on how best to address equity issues during the vaccine rollout.

Dr. Collins announced there is a new interim Chancellor at Dartmouth, Mark Fuller, who currently serves as Vice Chancellor for Advancement for UMass Amherst and previously was the Dean of the Isenberg School of Business.

### Provost Update

Dr. Flotte announced Dr. Rochelle Walensky is the new Director of the CDC. Dr. Walensky has worked very closely with us in Massachusetts. She was a key player in the Massachusetts consortium for pathogen readiness. She was also a special advisor regarding campus safety. Many of the things that UMMS has implemented regarding campus safety relate directly to work that Dr. Walensky has published. Dr. Walensky is going to review all of the CDC pandemic policies and there may be some revisions.

Dr. Flotte announced some leadership changes. Dr. David McManus has been appointed as the Chair of Medicine. Dr. Finberg has been appointed as Distinguished Professor of Medicine and will be granted Professor Emeritus of Medicine. He will continue on as our faculty as a major leader.

Dr. Flotte updated the chair searches:

- Biochemistry & Molecular Pharmacology- reinitiating the search process. Dr. Job Dekker will chair the search committee.
- Neurology- By the end of the month there will be an official kick-off of the search for a permanent chair of Neurology. Drs. Michael Gustafson & Kimberly Yonkers will chair the search committee.

Dr. Flotte thanked the COVID-19 surveillance testing team, led by Kristen Maki. That service is still testing over 2,500 individuals each week to detect clusters or outbreaks. The service is provided to many individuals including the UMMS employees, students and staff working on campus. The service is also provided to residents and dual employed physicians. There are collection sites at the University Campus, Baystate, Hahnemann, Memorial, Fitchburg, Biotech IV site for newborn screening, Maple Ave in Shrewsbury, and we are expecting to roll out a pick-up site at Barre Family Health Center.



Dr. Flotte announced that UMass Memorial is managing the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Flotte, working with Dr. Karson, have submitted to UMass Memorial the names and e-mails of individuals in the school system that fit into the various categories for prioritization of distribution. The first group was the COVID-facing health care workers. The next group included other students who have less frequent clinical contact- which

ended up being all the students since many are volunteering as vaccinators; and clinical researchers who are patient facing. UMass Memorial is also vaccinating their non-patient facing members of the health care work-force who work on the hospital campus.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Learning Environment & Student Engagement Update: Drs. Chimienti, Rosal & Colombo***

Drs. Chimienti & Rosal gave an update on the Diversity Task Force and Drs. Chimienti & Colombo gave a presentation on the COVID-19 Vaccine Student Engagement. Presentation [here](#).

### ***GSBS Update: Dr. Lane***

Dr. Lane gave an update on the GSBS. Presentation [here](#).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Fain called for a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.