

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 2020

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

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

Dr. Fain called the meeting to order

**BRIEF DISCUSSION AND VOTE: MINUTES**

Having determined a quorum was met, the September minutes were approved.

**STANDING REPORTS**

*Chancellor Update*

Dr. Collins announced the Diversity Summit was held last week. There was lots of positive feedback about the commitment to the goals in the Strategic Plan. UMMS is investing more than \$4.5 million to advance diversity and inclusion initiatives. Further strategic investments will be made. Dr. Flotte and the diversity teams are meeting to discuss additional resources that may be needed to support new and existing initiatives. Dr. Duncan, the new Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, was asked to devote the first quarter of 2021 to evaluate the diversity initiatives underway and make a recommendation to the Chancellor about resource needs for the Diversity and Inclusion Office.

Dr. Collins announced that it's time to assess where we are with the Strategic Plan goals and chart the goals for 2021. The leaders of the various workgroups will be asked to provide their assessment of what occurred in 2020 and the goals for 2021.

Dr. Collins announced that this is the most challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's affecting everyone and everywhere- our communities, clinical affiliates, learners, families, etc. The situation is being monitored very closely. The testing protocols we have in place should allow us to continue to keep going and allow us to isolate those who have the disease to keep our environment safe. We'll have to keep vigilant over the next 3-4 months given the spike of new cases related to holiday travel.

*Provost Update*

Dr. Flotte announced that a communication about Thanksgiving, travel & gathering restrictions will be sent out next week.

Dr. Flotte announced that the students are encouraged to be tested. The students at Baystate Health System and the residents of the UMass Memorial Medical Center have started to get tested this week. This week started with a new packaging of the same swab and tube that allows for "unobserved" testing in the UMMS testing center or at other sites. This has given a great deal of additional flexibility both in scaling up and location. Right now there are only two drop-off sites- at Baystate & the University campus. There are additional drop-off sites being set up at Hahnemann and Memorial.

Dr. Flotte announced the SOM alumni of 2020's gift, instead of the usual alumni gift of the white coat embroidery, etc, made an anti-racism gift, with other donor matching, which is setting up what is being called the UMass Equity Action Award. This award will go to select students who devise equity diversity projects.

Dr. Flotte announced Dr. John Harris has been selected as the Chair of Dermatology.

Dr. Flotte announced the new programs that have been launched: the Program in Microbiome Dynamics under Beth McCormick; the Institute for Drug Resistance under Celia Schiffer; the Program in Hematology and Oncology Research under Jonathan Gerber; and the Autoimmune Therapeutics



Institute under John Harris. The Collaborative in Health Equity is in its organizational phase under the leadership of Jeroan Allison with strong input from Milagros Rosal and Sharina Person.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

***Infection Control Update: Dr. Green***

Dr. Green gave an infection control update. Presentation here.

***Library Update: Drs. Larkin & Piorun***

Drs. Larkin & Piorun gave an update on the library. Presentation here.

***Learning Environment Update: Dr. Chimienti***

Dr. Chimienti gave a learning environment update. Presentation here.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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