

**FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 6, 2025**

**INVITEES/ATTENDEES**

Officers/Rules Committee	Voting Members 1	Voting Members 2	Non-Voting Members 1	Non-Voting Members 2
<b>Walker, Amy (Chair)</b>	<b>Abdennur, Nezar</b>	Hill, Cheyanne	Acosta, Alan	Kedian, Tracy
<b>Feeney, Susan (Vice Chair)</b>	Agenello, Emily	Huang, Judy	<b>Ahn, Mary</b>	Lane, Mary Ellen
<b>Lauer, Emily (Secretary)</b>	<b>Almeida, Sandra</b>	<b>Kamil, Syed</b>	Alexander, Jacob	<b>Lanzillotti, Patricia</b>
	<b>Amenta, Peter</b>	<b>Korostelev, Andrei</b>	<b>Barnett, William K</b>	Larkin, Anne
	Anandakugan, Nillani	<b>Lauer, Emily PhD</b>	<b>Berryman, Jennifer</b>	Lewis, Brian
	Aronowitz, Jesse	<b>Li, Shaoguang</b>	Catanzano, Tara	<b>Lindstedt, John</b>
	<b>Benanti, Jennifer</b>	<b>Lindholm, Mary</b>	Chakrabarti, Partha	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	<b>Binder, Zach</b>	<b>MacLean, Ashley</b>	<b>Chisholm, Brendan H.</b>	<b>Maki, Kristen</b>
	<b>Blehar, David, MD</b>	Matheos, Theofilos	<b>Collins, Michael</b>	Mattocks, Kristin
	Bolon, Daniel	<b>Menard, Alexander</b>	Dickson, Eric	McMaster, Erin
	Bouzan, Nicole K	Mitchell, Amir, PhD	<b>Duncan, Marlina</b>	Munshi, Nishkurit
	Bucci, Vanni	<b>Moormann, Ann</b>	<b>Flotte, Terence</b>	Munson, Mary
	Chan, Wayne	Osa-Agbontaen, Elizabeth	Garcia, Maria	Piorun, Mary
	Cleveland, Sarah\	Reboldi, Andrea	Gebhardt, James	Plasse, Mechelle
	<b>Crist, Michelle</b>	Sadasivam, Rajani	<b>Giannaris, Eustathia Lela</b>	Potts, Stacy
	<b>Day, Philip</b>	<b>Shank, Elizabeth</b>	Green, Emily	Precourt, Justin
	<b>Fantasia, Jennifer</b>	<b>Thomson, Travis</b>	Grunwald, Michael	Rosal, Milagros
	Gkrouzman, Elena	Timpson, Wendy	Hayes, John	<b>Teng, Christopher</b>
	Gutierrez, Nuria Martinez	Waweru, Jacqueline	Healy, James	Vitello, Joan
	Hamar, Benjamin	<b>Wessolossky, Mireya</b>	Johnson, Mark	<b>Zai, Adrian H</b>
		<b>Guest</b>	<b>Lilly, Craig</b>	<b>Yalamanchili, Abhi</b>
			<b>Das, Ananya</b>	<b>Singer, Josha</b>

Dr. Amy Walker called the meeting to order.

**STANDING REPORTS**

*Chancellor's Updates*

Dr. Collins announced that after more than 12 years of service at the Medical School, Greg Wolf, chief information officer, will retire in February. Greg joined UMass Chan in 2013 and revolutionized our information technology services during his tenure. We are sad to see him leave but we are thrilled to welcome Lee Leiber, who will be UMass Chan's new chief information officer beginning the last week of March. Lee joins us from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he has served as the chief information officer for eight years.

Dr. Collins announced that the 37th Annual Tribute to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, JR. was terrific this year. Imari K. Paris Jeffries, Ph.D. the President and CEO of Embrace Boston was the 2025 Martin Luther King Celebration of Service keynote speaker on Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jeffries leads a citywide racial equity transformation initiative through The Embrace monument, and the Embrace Center. He emphasized the interconnectedness of life and democracy while here on campus.

Dr. Collins also mentioned he had the privilege to present the 2025 Chancellor's Award for Advancing Institutional Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to Paul Charles, director of the Baccalaureate MD Pathway Program in the T.H. Chan School of Medicine. Paul's been a terrific leader for our institution, and he has been mentoring and nurturing aspiring physicians from underrepresented and marginalized groups since 2016. Dr. Collins also thanked Dr. Duncan and the Diversity and Inclusion Office for putting this event on every year, and for the work they do throughout the institution.

Dr. Collins stated that he will be going to Washington next Wednesday with the UMass President and the other 4 Chancellors to meet with the Congressional delegation concerning the new National Institutes of Health indirect costs rate cap.

Dr. Collins announced that Match Day 2025 will take place on Friday, March 21, 2025.

***Provost & Dean Updates***

Dr. Flotte welcomed the new Chair of Ophthalmology, Chris Teng, MD to the UMass Chan Medical School. Dr. Flotte also thanked Johanna Seddon, MD, ScM, professor of ophthalmology & visual sciences, for her leadership while serving as the interim chair of the department and residency program.

Dr. Flotte announced that they have begun the process for the next five-year Strategic Plan, which will be from 2025 through 2030. Drs. David McManus and Marian Walhout will be co-chairing the steering committee. We have done a significant amount of prework to understand what we achieved during Impact 2025. The institution weathered the Pandemic, received a \$175 million donation, an additional donation for endowed chairs, Dr. Ambros received the Nobel Prize, and several new programs and departments were established. The process will kick off sometime in April or May.

***Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Updates***

Dr. Ahn gave a brief presentation for her updates.

***BRIEF DISCUSSION AND VOTE: MINUTES***

Having determined a quorum was met, the meeting minutes from the January meeting were approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

***Nomination Committee Representatives/Process***

Dr. Mary Ahn gave a presentation on the Nomination Committee's proposed representatives and process. Motion to approve the proposed nomination committee representatives; Motion approved

***Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) Committee Update***

Dr. Craig Lilly gave a presentation on the IPC committee updates.

***Information Technology Committee (ITC) Report***

Dr. Adrian Zai gave a presentation on the ITC committee's mission, goals, and current projects.

Meeting adjourned.