SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016
10:00 – 11:30 AM
ACADEMIC OFFICE ONE, 7TH FLOOR BOARDROOM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT:
John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, School of Medicine and Chair

MEMBERS: Rebecca Braverman, MD; Robert D’Ambrosia, MD; John Cambier, PhD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank DeGruy, MD; Alison Heru, MD; Sallie Houser-Hanfelder; Herman Jenkins, MD; Mark Johnston, PhD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; Dennis Matthews, MD; David Norris, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Jennifer Richer, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; Ron Sokol, MD; Tamara Terzian, PhD; Dan Theodorescu, MD, PhD; Ann Thor, MD; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Kathleen Torkko, PhD; Ken Tyler, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS: Robert J. Anderson, MD; Scott Arthur; Peter Buttrick, MD; Mark Couch; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, MS; Carolyn Goble; Ben Honigman, MD; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Ellen Mangione, MD; Sarah Miller; Suzann Ruedeman; Carol Rumack, MD; Christopher Smith; Shanta Zimmer, MD; Michael Pascarella; Brenda Bucklin, MD; Ron Sokol, MD; Mark Moss, MD

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Will Cook; Gerald Dodd, MD; Donald Elliman, Chancellor; Jena Hausmann; Connie Savor Price, MD; David Schwartz, MD; Andrew Thorburn, PhD; Erik Wallace, MD

I. GREETINGS – Dean Reilly

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 2016 minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN’S UPDATES

The Dean referenced the updates document (see attached) and then noted the following items:

Congress passed the 21st Century Cures Act. The act provides investment in several areas of research, including cancer and precision medicine. Most, but not all, of the Colorado Congressional delegation voted in favor of the bill, including U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Denver,
who co-sponsored the bill when it originated in the House last year. The rest of the National Institutes of Health budget is the subject of continuing resolution and there will not be a new budget until after the new Congress and presidential administration are in place.

Clinical partners UC Health and Children’s Hospital Colorado have major projects going on in Colorado Springs and both have more outpatient-focused projects up in Broomfield.

The School announced the endowment of the first University of Colorado Medicine Chair: Vesna Todorovic, MD, in the Department of Anesthesiology. The next chair, in accordance with the recommendation of a committee of CU Medicine members, will go to a basic science department chair who does not yet have an endowed chair. The funding is expected to be available in about twelve months.

The School has submitted all written materials for reaccreditation to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). Dr. Reilly thanked those who participated in the reaccreditation process, including working groups and other committees. Outside consultants reviewed and suggested revisions to the report.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. LCME Boot Camp – Robert Anderson, MD

(See attached document for full presentation.)

Dr. Anderson discussed three citations from the previous LCME site visit eight years ago: student mistreatment, student debt, and diversity.

Regarding student mistreatment, Dr. Anderson said the School is compliant with a need for monitoring. Overall, recent data demonstrates that the School is receiving better reports from students. The School has a zero-tolerance policy regarding student mistreatment. The School monitors this issue closely and addresses it quickly, and has a process for handling issues of mistreatment, including the Office of Professionalism and several other mechanisms.

Regarding student debt, Dr. Anderson said the School is not fully compliant and has a need for monitoring by the LCME. The most recent data indicates an increase in the median debt compared to previous years. To address the issue, the School awarded over $5 million in scholarships in 2014-2015. The School has removed a cap on total scholarship awards and reconstituted the scholarship committee. University of Colorado Medicine (formerly UPI), contributed over $400,000 towards scholarships. Dr. Reilly eliminated student fees and improved financial counseling and debt management services. There are preliminary conversations about with the private sector on more affordable student housing.

Regarding diversity, Dr. Anderson said the LCME looks at how closely the School comes to its own mission-defined diversity goals. Dr. Steve Lowenstein and a number of others revised the School’s diversity plan with measurable outcomes. The school recruited and hired a new Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, Shanta Zimmer, MD, who has implemented a number of
activities. Dr. Reilly has made this a priority for the school and has contributed financial resources for recruitment of faculty.

Dr. Anderson said the School will conduct a mock-site visit in January with Lee Jones, MD, and Kevin Krane, MD, FACP, FASN, serving in the role as evaluators.

The LCME evaluators who are coming in March are LouAnn Woodward, MD, Dean and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, University of Mississippi Medical Center; Edward Hundert, MD, Dean for Medical Education, Harvard Medical School; Phillip McHale, PhD, Adjunct Professor at Oklahoma; Kurt Gilliland, PhD; and Yvonne Hernandez, PhD.

B. Faculty Senate Meeting Updates – Rebecca Sands Braverman, MD

Dr. Braverman reported on the Faculty Senate meeting held on December 13. The meeting included an update on the Masters in Medical Science program. After discussion, the senate postponed a vote until it received more information. Jennifer Soep, MD, Chair of the Student Life Steering Committee, presented changes to the committee’s bylaws. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously for these changes. Stuart Linas, MD, Chair of the Curriculum Steering Committee, explained the new processes that have been put in place in order to help the School prepare for the upcoming LCME site visit. Erik Wallace, MD, associate dean, Colorado Springs Branch, said students have done well on the shelf exams. Current CSB students were also polled and said they would choose again to go to the branch.

C. Affiliate Updates from VA and Denver Health

VA Update – Sallie Houser-Hanfelder, director of the VA Eastern Colorado Health System, provided updates on the VA.

The VA’s facility adjacent to the Anschutz Medical Campus is 82% complete.

The VA finished its fiscal year with an increase in in-patient visits of 6%, with the biggest increase in Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs saw 30% increase in patients. The VA also saw almost a million outpatient visits and had 1.3 million encounters.

The VA expects to make an offer soon to a candidate for the new chief of imaging. Ellen Mangione, MD, Chief of Staff, said there are two finalists for the new emergency room director and the VA expects to make an offer soon. The VA will soon post an Assistant Chief of Staff for academic affiliations/education. The VA has closed the advertisement for the Assistant Chief of Staff for primary care and is reviewing the applications.

Denver Health Update – Dr. Reilly discussed the Denver Health search process for its new chief executive officer. A search committee conducted a national search for candidates and referred a list of finalists to the Board of Denver Health. The board will conduct extensive interviews before making an offer. Mitchell Cohen, MD, has settled in as the new Chief of Service for Surgery.
Edward Havranek, MD, is the new Chief of Service for Medicine. The search continues for a new Chief of Service for Emergency Medicine. Abraham Nussbaum, MD, is serving as interim Designated Institutional Official.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. FYI ITEMS

Personnel Action FYI Reports

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Minutes submitted by School of Medicine Dean’s Office