SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016
10 AM – 11:30 AM MDT
ACADEMIC OFFICE ONE, 7TH FLOOR BOARDROOM

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Present: Frank deGruy, Gerald Dodd III, Robert Freedman, Herman Jenkins, Mark Johnston, Brian Kavanagh, Wendy Macklin, Dennis Matthews, David Norris, John Reilly, Jr., Angie Ribera, Nanette Santoro, Richard Schulick, Andrew Thorburn, Vesna Todorovic, Ken Tyler

Other Attendees and Non-Voting members: Eva Aagard, Bob Anderson, Rick Albert (for David Schwartz), Tom Blumenthal, Peter Buttrick, Timothy Crombleholme, Anne Fuhlbrigge, Sallie Houser-Hanfelder, Ben Honigman, Lisa Lee, Steve Lowenstein, Ellen Mangione, Sarah Miller, Steve Osswald, Connie Price, Marian Rewers, Jennifer Richer, Jane Schumaker, Chris Smith, Dan Theodorescu, Richard Traystman, Linda Van Dyle (for John Cambier), Cheryl Welch

Call to Order
A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. MDT.

I. Greeting
II. Approval of Minutes- The May 17, 2016, meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written.

III. Dean’s Updates: 1. Introduction of Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD, new Sr. Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. Faculty are also invited to attend a farewell reception on Wednesday June 22 to thank Doug Jones, MD, for his service as Sr. Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. 2. Search updates: There are currently searches for three department chairs and one additional leadership position: Immunology and Microbiology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Psychiatry, and the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center Director. For the Department of Psychiatry, given Dr. Freedman’s plan to retire Aug. 31, the school will be appoint an interim chair. Those who have suggestions for candidates for any of these positions should contact Dean Reilly. The search for a new director of the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center is being led by Dr. Peter Buttrick. 3. Thanks to the work in building relationships with the legislature and faculty, led by Dan Theodorescu, MD, PhD, the School is the recipient of $1.7 million legislative appropriation to support cancer research on campus, which needs to be spent within a year, as the money cannot be carried forward. A site visit by the National Cancer Institute also was held last week for the competitive renewal of the Cancer Center grant and funding decisions should be made within the next five weeks. 4. New Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy students started in the past couple of weeks. New MD candidates will arrive in the
beginning of August and the White Coat Ceremony will be held in the second week of August. The SOM is in week 7 of the branch campus in Colorado Springs. Students recently finished an inpatient immersion experience at Memorial Hospital and will be transitioning out into the community in the longitudinal integrated curriculum. Reviews from students regarding the program have been positive so far.

5. Thank you to everyone who participated in working groups in preparation for the self-study for the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) reaccreditation effort. All groups submitted rough drafts and Bob Anderson, MD, and his team are working on the final document in preparation for the final submission in late fall. The last piece of data will be the results of this year’s graduate medical student survey which is administered by the Association of American Medical Colleges. The submission in the fall will include the results of the independent student assessment, graduation questionnaire data, and the extensive self-study. The site visit will be held in March 2017. There will also be a small group from LCME visiting the Colorado Springs branch in August 2016.

IV. Discussion items:

A. Research Space Updates

Peter Buttrick, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs: Faculty were asked a month ago to offer changes related to the research space analysis by the Chancellor’s Office on existing space distributions. They should work with department administrators to make sure these corrections got loaded onto WebSpace. Faculty should participate in identifying underutilized space. A modified standard letter of offer for new faculty recruits regarding laboratory space is available.

Office space issues. Clinical faculty are using office space, some of which is University space and some of which is hospital space. The hospital system has agreed to use the same platform for tracking space use, which will make it easier to determine available space. The Chancellor’s Office is trying to determine campus-wide metrics for office space. Please address any questions with Dr. Buttrick and Suzann Ruedeman, director of facilities and planning for the School of Medicine.

Dr. Reilly said faculty should determine how they can free up underutilized space as soon as possible. This is an important priority for the campus. The School does not want to lose faculty recruits because there is not enough space identified on campus. Faculty should have data submitted to webspace by the end of June. The deadline for the space reallocation proposal is Labor Day.

B. Affiliate updates from VA and Denver Health
Sallie Houser-Hanfelder- Director, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System

update on construction project. The new VA campus in Aurora is about 70% complete, with an overall completion date of January 2018. There are around 60 transition teams working on transitioning into the new space from the current Clermont campus in Denver. The research building will be completed first, including a 30 bed spinal cord injury unit. The VA also received design funding for a PTSD program, with a design completion anticipated by the end of December 2016. Tours of the new site, currently under construction, are available for up to 10 people at a time. Those taking tours must wear long pants and long sleeve shirts.

The Office of Inspector General team is in town for the next ten days and Sallie and Mangione, MD, chief of staff, served as key witnesses. The team may come to Anschutz Medical Campus to look at research space on campus and will be looking at equipment and off-site waiver accountability. The VA will inform faculty if and when the team will be coming to campus.

Question from Richard Schulick, MD: There are concerns regarding available funding for a hybrid OR room at the VA. This would affect cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, and neurosurgeons if there is not enough funding for this type of OR space. Sallie Houser-Hanfelder is looking into this.

Denver Health Updates- Connie Savor Price, MD, Chief Medical Officer. Bill Burman, MD, will serve as interim CEO of Denver Health as of July 1 and has been taking on increasing responsibilities in order to allow for a smooth transition. Mitchell J. Cohen, MD, will be joining Denver Health as the new Director of Surgery and he will also be a Professor of Surgery at the School of Medicine.

Denver Health is also conducting a search for Director of Medicine. Drs. Peter Buttrick and Nia Mitchell are assisting with this search. Candidates are being interviewed and a selection should be made by the end of July. Eric Lavonas, MD, will serve as interim Director of Emergency Medicine during the search for a director. There is also a position available for a new director of research and Denver Health hopes to have the final position announced by the end of summer.

Denver Health remains busy with construction projects and the new Southwest clinic, which has been open for a few months. That clinic is exceeding expectations and has a very busy urgent care. Denver Health is also finalizing plans for a new ambulatory care clinic on campus and is also repaving parking lots that are temporarily impacting trainees.

C. School of Medicine Rules
Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, on behalf of the 2016 Rules and Governance Committee: (Please see attached rules):

All rules changes have been approved by the Faculty Senate. Steve presented the rules changes. All rules were discussed and unanimously approved.

D. Faculty Senate Updates

Jennifer Richer, PhD, Professor of Pathology, President of the Faculty Senate: 1. Faculty Senate approved School of Medicine rules changes. 2. Dr. David Bentley presented Transformational Research Funding project, the RNA Bioscience Initiative. 3. Wendy Kohrt, PhD, Professor, Division of Geriatric Medicine, discussed the VA Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center, which focuses on aging veterans, gender differences, and treatment of obesity in veterans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

E. Approval Items
   i. Sr. Clinical Appointments and promotions committee actions were approved unanimously.
   ii. Faculty promotions committee actions were approved unanimously.
   iii. Approval of professor emeritus/emerita appointments were approved unanimously.

F. FYI Items
   a. Personnel action FYI Reports

G. Adjournment
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. MDT.

Minutes submitted by SOM Dean’s office