MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2018
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: Venu Akuthota, MD; Robert D’Ambrosia, MD; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank deGruy, MD; Sallie Houser-Hanfelder; Herman Jenkins, MD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; David Norris, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; David Schwartz, MD; Ann Thor, PhD; Andrew Thorburn, PhD; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Ken Tyler, MD; Richard Zane, MD

GUESTS: Peter Buttrick, MD; Mark Couch; Robert Eckel, MD; Ellen Elias, MD; Tom Flaig, MD; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD; Ben Honigman, MD; Steve Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Sarah Miller; John Moore, MD; Michael Narkewicz, MD; Connie Savor Price, MD; Judy Regensteiner, PhD; Marian Rewers, MD, PhD; Suzann Ruedeman; Carol Rumack, MD; Jane Schumaker; Christopher Smith; Emily Southard, MD; Linda van Dyk, PhD; Shanta Zimmer, MD

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Adria Boucharel, MD; Rebecca Braverman, MD; Will Cook; Chancellor Don Elliman; Jena Hausmann; David Raben, MD; Ron Sokol, MD; Dan Theodorescu, MD, PhD; Erik Wallace, MD

I. GREETINGS – Dean Reilly

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 17th, 2018, meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN’S UPDATES

The Dean referenced the updates document (see attached) and then noted additional items.

The State of Colorado legislative session has ended and the new state budget has been signed into effect. There is a modest increase in the legislative appropriation to the Anschutz Medical Campus. The School of Medicine will receive approximately 42% of that amount. The increase for the School makes it possible to seek additional federal funds under a program that covers the cost of providing clinical care to Medicaid patients. School and clinical practice leaders are in discussion with HCPF (Colorado
Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing), regarding its willingness to support seeking these additional federal dollars.

The State budget also includes a capital appropriation towards the new research building to be constructed west of Research Complex Two. The new building would include space for CCTSI (Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute). The Center of Advancing Professional Excellence would be moved to the new building from Education Building One North. The Department of Psychiatry would also move into the new building. An atrium for the building will include a large public space.

The remodeling of the first floor of Academic Office Building One is also in process. The updated space will house the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. It will also include a large non-traditional office space design targeted at faculty whose primary activities involve clinical care and who do not spend much time in their own offices. The remodel is expected to begin in summer 2018 with projected completion early 2019.

The legislative appropriation for the new research building is scheduled to be $52 million over the course of three years, which is about 20% of the construction costs. Chancellor Elliman’s office and philanthropy are expected to provide about $50 million-$53 million. Additional philanthropy and new debt would cover the remaining costs of construction.

The May 1st, 2018, deadline has passed for departments to identify underutilized research space. Peter Buttrick, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, reported that 15 departments have identified research space that is available to go back into an assignable research pool. The School has identified 26,000 square feet of research space that will be made available to new faculty recruits and other program expansions, and are negotiating with other departments for additional research space.

The University reconsidered its plans for allocating employee benefit expenses into pools of employees rather than to each individual employee. The proposal had an adverse impact on some highly compensated School of Medicine faculty. The University is still considering a transition to a methodology that pools benefits costs, but University officials have agreed to delay the implementation until next year to review the impact.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2018 Medical Student Graduate Candidates: Unanimously approved.
Nichole Zehnder, MD, Assistant Dean of Admissions, will provide updates on the incoming medical class at a later date. The preliminary data for the incoming class indicates that 54-55% are women and 32% are from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. For first time, there are more out of state than in state students (55% out of state/45% in state). This data suggests that the School is drawing from a national rather than a regional pool of applicants. It is expected to result in an increase in average student debt because of higher out-of-state tuition rates.

B. Affiliate Updates:

Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center: Sallie Houser-Hanfelder, Director, Eastern Colorado Healthcare System: The new facility is now 99.9% complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 21st, 2018. Schedules for transitioning inpatient and OR cases are still being finalized. The VA is also opening a clinic in Castle Rock.

Denver Health: Connie Savor Price, MD, Chief Medical Officer: Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Denver Health gala, which is a major fundraising effort by its foundation. Denver Health is continuing to perform well financially and is seeing an increase in provider billing. Denver Health faculty are almost fully entered into PRISM and will be using PRISM for their faculty evaluations moving forward. There are two active director of service searches at Denver Health: Director of Service for Orthopedics, four candidates have advanced for second round interviews; and the Radiology search committee held its first meeting earlier in May. The new Director of Service for Emergency Medicine arrived on April 30th. Sanjay Gupta, MD, Chief Medical Correspondent for CNN, interviewed Lilia Cervantes, MD, medicine hospitalist at Denver Health, regarding Dr. Cervantes’ publication in JAMA involving a chronic hemodialysis population that does not have access to health insurance. Denver Health also released a report regarding pregnant women asking marijuana dispensary employees about using the drug for morning sickness.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. APPROVAL ITEMS

A. Faculty promotions committee actions were approved unanimously.

B. Sr. clinical appointments and promotions committee actions were approved unanimously.
II. FYI ITEMS

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.