

Minutes of the December 4, 2018 UF Gainesville COM Faculty Council Meeting

Officers Present:

President – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
President Elect – Emily Weber LeBrun
Past President – Lauren Solberg

Secretary – Jean Cibula
Treasurer – Steven Swarts

Officers Absent:

Vice President – Albert Robinson, III

Department Representatives Present:

Yi Qiu – Anatomy & Cell Biology
Matthew Merritt – Biochem. & Molec. Biology
Arlene Naranjo – Biostatistics
Jen Schoch – Dermatology
Kelly Gurka – Epidemiology
Jiang Bian – Health Outcomes & Biomedical Informatics
Diane Goede – Medicine
Lizi Wu – Molec. Genetics & Microbiology
Gregory Murad – Neurological Surgery

Paramita Chakrabarty – Neuroscience
Kathleen Green – Obstetrics & Gynecology
Gibran Khurshid – Ophthalmology
Hernan Prieto – Orthopaedics & Rehab.
Xiuli Liu – Pathology
Luis Fernando Seguias – Pediatrics
Abdel Alli – Physiology
Steven Swarts – Radiation Oncology
Priya Sharma – Radiology

Department Representatives Absent:

Kimberly Sibille – Aging & Geriatric Res.
Sonia Deshmukh – Anesthesiology
Tanya Anim – CHF/M
Nicholas Maldonado – Emergency Medicine
Anna Khanna – Neurology
Natalie Silver – Otolaryngology
Jason Fromm – PA School

Gonzalo Torres – Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Richard Holbert – Psychiatry
Jose Trevino – Surgery
Romano DeMarco – Urology

Invited Speakers:

- Craig Tisher, M.D., Professor of Nephrology, Department of Medicine and Director, Wilmot Gardens <https://wilmotgardens.med.ufl.edu/>

Minutes:

1. President Alice Rhoton-Vlasak called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
2. Introduction of new or substitute department representatives – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak, M.D.
 - a. Dr. Jiang Bian is the new representative for Health Outcomes & Biomedical Informatics.
 - b. Dr. Xiuli Liu is the new representative for Pathology & Laboratory Medicine.
 - c. Dr. Anna Khanna is the new representative for Neurology.
3. The November 2018 Faculty Council meeting minutes were approved.
4. [Wilmot Gardens at the University of Florida](#) – Craig Tisher, M.D., Professor of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, and Director, Wilmot Gardens
 - a. The UF Wilmot Gardens were created in the 1950's in honor of Royal James "Roy" Wilmot, a UF horticulturalist and national authority on camellias. Mr. Wilmot was the founding member of the American Camellia Society, which was established on the UF campus.
 - b. A group of 12 dedicated volunteers led by Dr. Tisher and Linda and Bill Leucking began restoring the gardens in 2006 after years of neglect and a southern pine beetle infestation. This group worked year-round, every other Saturday morning, for 8 ½ years, until a full-time gardener could

be hired about 4 years ago. A former office space and laboratory were remodeled in 2007 to create the Conference Center at Wilmot Gardens.

- c. The Wilmot Gardens Consortium was established in 2011 and includes faculty representatives from the UF Colleges of Medicine, Engineering, and Agricultural and Life Sciences. Their purpose is to enhance horticultural therapy activities on campus through the development of patient care, research and educational programs.
 - d. A therapeutic horticulture program was established in 2012. Thanks to generous gifts from multiple donors, construction of a greenhouse at Wilmot Gardens was completed in 2014, which allowed the therapeutic horticulture program to relocate there and expand. The Chapman Healing Garden was dedicated in 2017, which provides an outdoor venue for additional therapeutic horticulture activities. Participants in this program include veterans with spinal cord injury disease, patients undergoing cancer treatments (along with their caregivers), severely depressed patients hospitalized for electroconvulsive therapy, people with stroke-associated paralysis, and kidney patients on dialysis for end-stage kidney failure.
 - e. The staff at Wilmot Gardens works with volunteers whom they educate and train to work with people who are physically and mentally challenged. There is also a Horticultural Therapy Master's Degree Program, which two people have completed to date.
 - f. In 2018, a dedicated faculty position for Director, Wilmot Gardens Therapeutic Horticulture Programs, was created; however, fundraising support remains essential to operations.
 - g. Earlier this year, arrangements were made for UF to acquire approximately one-half of the original Gordy camellia collection located near Ocala. This includes approximately 675 camellias that will be re-located to the UF campus over the next 3 years; 120 of these will be added to the 200 camellias currently growing in Wilmot Gardens.
 - h. There are plans to create the UF Campus Memorial at Wilmot Gardens, which will be a university-wide memorial recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the university. This area will have a reflecting pool surrounded by seating, with at least 16 granite slabs (one for each college within UF) where the names of the people to be honored will be placed. A walkway winding through Campus from the Plaza of the Americas to Wilmot Gardens is being planned as part of the master plan with landscaping along the walkway and displays describing the history and major events in each of the 16 colleges.
 - i. Other future initiatives include an outdoor accessible working garden, a greenhouse patio, sidewalk lighting, and an endowment to support future garden maintenance.
 - j. Volunteers who want to help restore and maintain the gardens can find information online at: <https://wilmotgardens.med.ufl.edu/support/volunteer/>.
 - k. Those interested in making a donation to support the gardens can find information online at: <https://wilmotgardens.med.ufl.edu/support/giving-options/>.
5. Dr. Jiang Bian, Department of Health Outcomes & Biomedical Informatics, will provide the Departmental Snapshot at the January 8, 2019 Faculty Council meeting.
 6. UF Health Shadowing process Update – Lauren Solberg, J.D.
 - a. The shadowing process was discussed, although there were no new updates to provide. <http://privacy.ufl.edu/uf-health-privacy/patient-care-observation/>
 7. Announcements:
 - a. Science Stroll: 4th Friday of the month- meet at the Biomedical Science/College of Nursing Circle at 11:45 AM for networking and fresh air!
 - b. The Office of Faculty Affairs & Professional Development website has been updated: The active mentoring policy applies to all faculty: https://facultyaffairs.med.ufl.edu/files/2012/05/COM-Mentoring-Policy_2016.pdf.
 - Faculty onboarding documents are in place: <https://facultyaffairs.med.ufl.edu/new-faculty/new-to-uf/faculty-onboarding/>
 - Exit interview systems are in place

- Links to the following resources are available on the website:
 - COM Ombuds office
 - New faculty resources
 - Benefits
 - The UF Faculty Handbook
- c. The January 2019 meeting will be held on January 8.

8. President Rhoton-Vlasak adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

The next Faculty Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2019 @ 5PM in the Medical Science Building, Room M-112.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Liverman, Administrative Assistant, and edited by Dr. Jean Cibula and Dr. Alice Rhoton-Vlasak.