

Minutes of the March 5, 2019 UF Gainesville COM Faculty Council Meeting

Officers Present:

President – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak
President Elect – Emily Weber LeBrun
Vice President – Albert Robinson, III

Secretary – Jean Cibula
Treasurer – Steven Swarts

Officers Absent:

Past President – Lauren Solberg

Department Representatives Present:

Kimberly Sibille – Aging & Geriatric Res. (by phone)
Yi Qiu – Anatomy & Cell Biology
Matthew Merritt – Biochem. & Molec. Biology
Arlene Naranjo – Biostatistics (by phone)
Jen Schoch – Dermatology
Nicholas Maldonado – Emergency Medicine
Kelly Gurka – Epidemiology
Andrew Maurer – Neuroscience

Gregory Murad – Neurological Surgery
Gibran Khurshid – Ophthalmology
Hernan Prieto – Orthopaedics & Rehab.
Natalie Silver – Otolaryngology
Luis Fernando Seguias – Pediatrics
Abdel Alli – Physiology
Steven Swarts – Radiation Oncology
Priya Sharma – Radiology
Romano DeMarco – Urology

Department Representatives Absent:

Sonia Deshmukh – Anesthesiology
Lauren Solberg – CHFM
Jiang Bian – Health Outcomes & Biomedical Informatics
Dianne Goede – Medicine
Lizi Wu – Molec. Genetics & Microbiology
Anna Khanna – Neurology

Kathleen Green – Obstetrics & Gynecology
Jason Fromm – PA School
Xiuli Liu – Pathology
Gonzalo Torres – Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Richard Holbert – Psychiatry
Jose Trevino – Surgery

Invited Speaker: Lauren Berkow, M.D., Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Chair, UF Shands Sustainability Committee: Sustainability at UF College of Medicine

Minutes:

1. President Alice Rhoton-Vlasak called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.
2. Introduction of new or substitute department representatives – none noted.
3. The February 2019 Faculty Council meeting minutes were approved.
4. [Sustainability at UF COM](#): Lauren Berkow, M.D., Department of Anesthesiology
 - a. Sustainability initiatives save hospitals money, protect the environment, improve patient health and healing, and improve staff health and well-being.
 - b. Barriers to physician engagement in sustainability include lack of education and knowledge, as there is no formal education on climate change or sustainability in the medical school curriculum. In addition, physicians are already extremely busy focusing on patient care, increasing efficiency, and educating residents.
 - c. Hospitals are one of the top consumers of energy and water, and generate more than 5.9 million tons of waste per year. Operating rooms utilize 30% of supplies used in hospitals and generate 20-30% of hospital waste. OR's have a high use of plastics (30% of OR waste), and are the largest producer of Red Bag Medical Waste (RMW). RMW disposal costs four times more than clear bag waste and must be incinerated.

- d. There is a UF Office of Sustainability at the undergraduate campus and a UF Sustainability Committee focusing on the undergraduate campus.
- e. Dr. Berkow started the UF Shands Sustainability Working Group 3 years ago. Initial goals of the working group included recognizing and collecting data on current sustainability efforts, having regular meetings to track and improve efforts, and obtaining leadership support.
- f. To date, the UF Shands Sustainability Working Group has successfully received UF Leadership support and has been recognized as a formal committee. They celebrated Earth Day in the North Tower Atrium last year. They successfully lobbied UF to become members of [Practice Greenhealth](#) (PGH) and won a Greening the OR Award from PGH at the 2018 CleanMed Meeting.
- g. Current Sustainability efforts at UF include:
 - Segregation of trash into red bag and clear bag waste
 - Use of hard cases for surgical instruments instead of blue wrap
 - Use of reusable sharps containers
 - Placement of recycling bins throughout the hospital
 - Reprocessing of equipment
 - Use of lower energy LED lighting and occupancy sensors for lights in some areas
 - Green building (healing gardens, sustainable designs and water re-use for irrigation)
 - Efforts made in the OR to reduce pharmaceutical and other hazardous waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- h. Savings at UF in 2018 due to Sustainability efforts include:
 - \$180,000 saved by reprocessing
 - \$78,000 saved by utilizing reusable sharps containers and 27,000 pounds diverted from the waste-stream
 - 1200 tons of recycling collected (cans and bottles, paper, cardboard, batteries, computers and lamps)
 - 54,750 pounds of food waste composted
- i. The Sustainability Committee's goals for this year are to apply for larger PGH awards (will be announced in April), expand can and bottle recycling collection, create a Sustainability Dashboard on the UF Bridge, and have a larger Earth Day celebration (April 18, 2019).

5. Faculty Lounge – Albert Robinson, III, M.D.

- A vote was held (by ballot) at last month's Faculty Council meeting, with the majority of members voting to have the new Faculty Lounge located in the Medical Science Building, Room M-125. The vote count was provided as a recommendation from the Faculty Council to the Dean, and the location was approved. Construction will begin once the optimal design for the lounge is determined. Dr. Robinson welcomed suggestions from the Council regarding the design, furniture, layout, etc.

6. Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee meeting– Alice Rhoton-Vlasak, M.D. – no report
- Faculty Senate – Lauren Solberg, J.D. – no report
- Curriculum Committee – Nick Maldonado, M.D. – no report
- Compensation Committee – no report
- CFAS update – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak, M.D. (Senior CFAS representative) – no update
- Research Task Force Report – Kim Sibille, Ph.D., Chair: The next Science Stroll will be held in April (date and time to be announced)
- Search Committee Updates: There are 3 finalists for the position of COM Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs & Professional Development.

7. Service project ideas – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak, M.D.A
- A. current initiative in the COM is for faculty, residents and students to become more involved in community service and outreach. Many people are already involved with programs such as the Mobile Health Clinic, Equal Access Clinic, March of Dimes, Grace Marketplace, and the Ronald McDonald House. There was discussion about having a centralized resource for linkage to local volunteer opportunities. A similar resource is available at the University of Miami: <http://udocs.med.miami.edu/>
 - B. Dr. Rhoton asks that reps compile lists of current community service projects being done in each department, and FC will collate these. Ultimately, goal is for online dashboard or even coordinator for these activities.

8. Lifetime Achievement Awards – Alice Rhoton-Vlasak, M.D.

- The Council received 12 nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Nomination packets were sent to the Council for review prior to the meeting. The Council voted by ballot at this meeting and chose to present 3 faculty members with Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The 2019 awardees are:

- 1). **Ira H. Gessner, M.D.**
Professor, Department of Pediatrics
- 2). **Marian C. Limacher, M.D.**
Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development
AHA Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Research
University of Florida College of Medicine
- 3). **Charles E. Wood, Ph.D.**
Professor and Chair, Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics

9. President Rhoton-Vlasak adjourned the meeting at 6:01pm.

Announcements:

- a. Save the Dates:
 - o Wednesday, April 10, 2019: Spring Faculty Appreciation Reception, HMEB
 - o Medical Education Week: March 11-14, 2019
 - o Patient Safety and Quality Week: March 18-22, 2019
 - o Diversity Week: April 2-7, 2019
 - o Hospital wide Earth Day Celebration on April 18, all day
- b. 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!
- c. Dr. Keith Stone, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, is the founding Ombuds for the UF College of Medicine. The goal of the newly established Office of the Ombuds for Faculty is to resolve conflict informally whenever possible. For information on how to contact the UFCOM Office of the Ombuds for Faculty, please visit: <http://ombuds.med.ufl.edu/>.

The next Faculty Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 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.