

Minutes of the August 1st, 2023 - UF Gainesville COM Faculty Council Meeting (held via Zoom)

Officers Present:

President – Erica Dale
Secretary – Paramita Chakrabarty

Officers Absent:

Past President – Martin Rosenthal
Treasurer – Eric Jeng

Department Representatives Present:

Rene Opavsky – Anatomy & Cell Biology
Thomas Mareci – Biochem. & Molec. Biology
Dan Rubin – Community Health & Fam Med.
Ronnie Ren – Emergency Medicine
Kelly Gurka – Epidemiology
Ramzi Salloum – Health Outcomes & Bio Informatics
Sherri Kittelson – Medicine
Ashley Ghiaseddin – Neurological Surgery
Gabriel Bonnell – Neurology

Benoit Giasson – Neuroscience
Robert Egerman – Obstetrics & Gynecology
Jonathan Hu – Ophthalmology
Si Chen – Otolaryngology
Jonathan Bird – Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Carolyn Geis – Phys Med & Rehabilitation
Rui Xiao – Physiology & Aging
Matt Daley – Psychiatry
Steven Swarts – Radiation Oncology
Romano DeMarco – Urology

Department Representatives Absent:

Arvin Trippensee – Anesthesiology
Li Chen – Biostatistics
Michael Lavery – Dermatology
Edward Scott – Molec. Genetics & Microbiology
Luis Pulido – Orthopaedics & Rehab.

Jason Fromm – PA School
Yu Yang – Pathology
Michele Lossius – Pediatrics
Priya Sharma – Radiology
Lisa Spiguel – Surgery

Guest Speaker:

David P. Norton, Ph.D., Vice President for UF Research

Ex-Officio Members:

Mark Segal, M.D., Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs & Professional Development, UF College of Medicine
Ellen Zimmermann, M.D., Associate Dean for Faculty Development, UF College of Medicine

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.
2. The minutes from the July 11th, 2023 meeting were approved.
3. Updates from UF Research – David P. Norton, Ph.D., Vice President for UF Research
 - Dr. Norton referred to the recent legislative session and stated that not only did many positive things come out of it, but many positive things are also happening here at UF.
 - The research expenditure numbers have not yet been announced, but they are going to be a positive story and he looks forward to releasing that information.
 - UF remains very highly ranked as an institution.
 - The State Legislature allocated an incredible amount of new recurring dollars to the University of Florida, much of which has been distributed to the units based on a formula that the President put forward.
 - Dr. Norton referred to challenges presented through the recent legislative session and discussed the following Senate Bills as they relate to research.
 - [SB 846, Agreements of Educational Entities with Foreign Entities](#); Prohibiting state universities and state colleges from accepting grants from or participating in partnerships or agreements with a college or university based in a foreign country of concern or with a foreign principal unless specified conditions are met;

providing an exception; authorizing state universities to enter into partnerships or agreements with a college or university based in a foreign country of concern or with a foreign principal if such partnerships or agreements are approved by the Board of Governors and specified requirements are met; authorizing the board to sanction and withhold performance funding from a state university for entering into an unauthorized partnership or agreement; requiring each state university and state college to annually submit specified information to the Board of Governors and the Department of Education, respectively, by a specified date, etc. (effective July 1, 2023)

- [SB 266, Higher Education](#); Revising the duties of the Board of Governors relating to the mission of each state university; requiring the Board of Governors Accountability Plan to annually report certain research expenditures of a specified amount; prohibiting specified educational institutions from expending funds for certain purposes; revising how general education core courses are established; specifying a one-time limit on requirement to change accrediting agencies, etc. (effective July 1, 2023)
- Dr. Norton stated that the Office of Research is working with UF General Counsel's office to determine what adjustments may need to be made to comply with these statutes. Challenges to work through with SB 846 include adjusting agreements with specific collaborators, as well as clarifying questions about honorariums and travel expenses for faculty who go to the foreign countries of concern to present lectures. A key challenge to work through with SB 266 is how to adhere to the provisions in the statutes while continuing to meet expectations from federal funding agencies such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- Dr. Norton has had this discussion with university leadership, college deans, general counsel, and contacts within the Board of Governors staff. The intent is to navigate through this so that our researchers can keep doing great work and meet the expectations from the agencies to move forward.

4. New Business:

- Announcing the annual State of the College Address in the Fall – Erica Dale, Ph.D.
 - Dr. Dale announced the upcoming [2023 State of the College Address](#) to be held on Friday, September 29, 2023 from 7:00am – 8:00am in the Harrell Medical Education Building, Learning Studio 125.

5. Old Business:

- Update on plans for President-Elect and Vice President elections for Faculty Council
 - A call for nominations was sent out for the Faculty Council President-Elect and Vice President. A college-wide election will be held this month and the newly elected officers should be in place by the September 2023 meeting.
- Annual Chair evaluations
 - The Annual Chair Evaluations closed on July 28, 2023.

6. Committee Reports:

- President's report and Executive Committee Report – Erica Dale, Ph.D.
 - The current UF Faculty Senate Chair, Danaya Wright, was invited to speak at the COM Executive Committee meeting. She discussed her plans to address post-tenure review, administrative burdens falling on faculty, academic integrity, and shared governance.
 - Dr. Donna Parker provided an update and discussed SB 266. The new name for her

- office is the Office for Healthcare Excellence, Community and Belonging.
- Dr. Dale announced that the [State of the University Address](#) will be held on August 24, 2023 at 3:00pm at the Reitz Union.
 - AAMC CFAS – Albert Robinson, III, M.D., Meredith Thompson, M.D.
 - No updates to report.
 - Committee to Determine Best Practices for Hiring at COM – Ashley Ghiaseddin, M.D.
 - No updates to report.
 - Curriculum Committee
 - No updates to report. A representative from the Faculty Council is needed to serve on the Curriculum Committee. Those interested can email Dr. Dale at: ericadale@ufl.edu.
 - Faculty Senate
 - No updates to report.
 - Hospital Operations Committee – Lisa Spiguel, M.D.
 - Recent attendance in this committee has been sparse and additional members are being solicited to join the committee to keep it functioning.
 - Research Task Force – Jonathan Bird, Ph.D.
 - No updates to report.
 - Wellness Task Force
 - No updates to report. A representative from the Faculty Council is needed to take over leadership of this group. Those interested can email Dr. Dale at: ericadale@ufl.edu.

President Erica Dale adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Announcements:

- Track the progress of the Dean's initiatives under the seven pillars of the strategic plan [here](#).
- To schedule an appointment with the Ombuds office, call 352-392-1308. Appointments are confidential.
- For resources and tools to thrive, be sure to check out the UFCOM Wellness [website](#)
- Log Into Your Free Electronic Lab Notebook Account at LabArchives through the [SSO](#): Instructions on accessing LabArchives
- Calling all Women In Medicine & Science (WIMS): Find your [WIMS Village](#) and Connect with Faculty
- Save the date for the 2023 State of the College address, Sept. 29 from 7-8 a.m. at the Harrell Medical Education Building. Livestream viewing will be available. The in-person event will take place at the George T. Harrell, M.D., Medical Education Building in room 125. Light refreshments will be served.
- UF College of Medicine announces the appointment of Todd Brusko, PhD, as the new Assistant Dean for Basic Science Research.
- Amplify your research impact, capture the full reach of your work, and propel your scholarly pursuits to new heights by creating your profile on Dimensions today! Visit <https://app.dimensions.ai/>
- UF College of Medicine receives LCME reaccreditation for another eight years. The College of Medicine extends its gratitude to Dr. Joseph Fantone, Dr. Maureen Novak, Ms. Kathy Green, all workgroup leaders and members, department chairs, residents, students and staff who played a critical role in this process.

The next Faculty Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 @ 5:00pm.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Liverman, Administrative Assistant, and edited by Dr. Paramita

