

**Faculty Council**

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**FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 4, 2021

**INVITEES/ATTENDEES**

<u>Officers/Rules Committee</u>	<u>Voting Members-</u>			<u>Non-Voting Members-</u>	
<b>Pavao, Richard (Chair)</b>	Abramo, Kristin	<b>Francis, Michael</b>	Peterson, Craig	Abbott, Mary	<b>Lane, Mary Ellen</b>
<b>Sadasivam, Rajani (Vice Chair)</b>	<b>Aronowitz, Jesse</b>	<b>Garwood, Elizabeth</b>	<b>Peterson, Kenneth</b>	<b>Berryman, Jennifer</b>	Lanzillotti, Patricia
<b>Ahn, Mary (Secretary)</b>	<b>Blehar, David</b>	<b>Hamar, Benjamin</b>	Reboldi, Andrea	<b>Chakrabarti, Parth</b>	Larkin, Anne
	<b>Bolon, Daniel</b>	Ionete, Carolina	<b>Slosar-Cheah, Magdalena</b>	<b>Collins, Michael</b>	Linstedt, John
	Botkin, Naomi	Kamil, Syed	<b>Song, Jie</b>	Dickson, Eric	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	Carlisle, Anne	Korostelev, Andrei	Trivedi, Meghna	Fain, James	<b>Maki, Kristen</b>
	<b>Cataltepe, Oguz</b>	<b>Long-Bellil, Linda</b>	<b>Walker, Amy</b>	<b>Florence, Roxanne</b>	Mandrekar, Pranoti
	Chin, Emily	Michas, Maria	<b>Wessolosky, Mireya</b>	<b>Flotte, Terence</b>	Mattocks, Kristin
	Chu, Sherman	Moore, Phoebe	<b>Wolfe, Scot</b>	Gottlieb, Amy	<b>McMaster, Erin</b>
	Dick, Karen	<b>Munro, James</b>	Wylie, Falgun	Gustafson, Michael	<b>Piorun, Mary</b>
	<b>Faustina, Misha</b>			Harnois, Deborah	Popkin, Joel
				Hayes, John	Vitello, Joan

Dr. Pavao called the meeting to order

**STANDING REPORTS**

*Chancellor Update*

Dr. Collins announced an in-depth review of the licensing and innovation and business development operations conducted by the new Executive Vice Chancellor Parth Chakrabarti was completed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Charkrabarti will be coming to the Faculty Council to present the findings and to report the resources that have been committed to him and his team.

Dr. Collins announced that he also met with Dr. Marlina Duncan, the Vice Chancellor for Diversity & Inclusion. Dr. Duncan is looking to position the DIO team to leverage and maximize the impact of the work across the institution and discussed the resources she needs to be successful.

Dr. Collins announced that the search for the Executive Vice Chancellor for MassBiologics is close to completion. The finalist will be visiting the campus next week. In a month or two we should be in a position to announce the new leader for MassBiologics.

Dr. Collins announced Commencement will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The plan is that Commencement will be held in-person and will adhere to the public health guidelines. The location for the ceremony is still being worked out.

Dr. Collins announced that the Vaccine Corps consists of over 4,100 volunteers, including over 600 members of our own community. Members of the Vaccine Corps are staffing the Worcester State site as well as partnering with the Worcester DPH to provide vaccines to special and hard-to-reach populations. Dr. Collins thanked everyone who has joined and assisted the corps. Dr. Collins announced that the next issue to address is to get the vaccine to those communities most in need, particularly underserved communities and communities of color, and those who are homebound. The Corps is looking at creating mobile opportunities to go to people who can't get to one of the current sites.

Dr. Collins announced that the construction for the new research building is getting underway over the next few weeks. Dr. Collins recognizes the inconvenience but that the inconvenience will be short-term for a long-term gain.

Dr. Collins announced that the UMassMed Cares campaign has ended. The campaign raised over \$200,000 for local charities, including the North Quadrant Support Services. Dr. Collins thanked everyone who contributed and made generous donations.

*Dean/Provost Update*

Dr. Flotte thanked everyone who has been part of the Vaccine Corps. He also thanked Deans Vitello & Lane. Their staff has been very helpful in facilitating students in the other schools. Dr. Flotte also thanked Dr. Chimienti who has coordinated efforts across the three schools in facilitating volunteers.



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Dr. Flotte announced Dr. Mark Johnson, Chair of Neurosurgery, has assumed the role as Senior Consulting Vice Provost for Mentoring, Leadership and Transformation. This consulting role, particularly around mentoring leadership and transformation, will assist us in finding gaps that relate to the retention of underrepresented faculty.

Dr. Flotte announced that Adrian Zai, MD, PhD, MPH will join UMass Medical School in May as Chief Research Informatics Officer. Dr. Flotte thanked Drs. Luzuriaga and Allison for co-chairing the search. He will be splitting his time 50/50 between the Chief Research Informatics Office and as a faculty member of Population & Quantitative Health Sciences to do his own research.

**AGENDA ITEM**

***Intellectual Property Committee: Dr. Dunn***

Dr. Dunn gave an update on the IPC. Presentation here.

***New Programs & Departments: Dr. Flotte***

Dr. Flotte gave presentation on the new programs and departments. Presentation here.

Motion to endorse recommended departments; motion to approve.