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# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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## School of Medicine & Health Sciences

### FACULTY ASSEMBLY

**Monday, March 24, 2014 -- 5:00pm – GWU Hospital Auditorium**

### MINUTES

Faculty Present: Bruce Abell, James Ahlgren , Jeffrey Akman, Lisa Alexander, Elham Bayat, Compton Benjamin, Jr, Michael Berrigan, Joseph Bocchino, Kathleen Calabrese, Anthony Caputy, Vincent Chiappinelli, Tina Choudhri, Elizabeth Cobbs , Joshua Cohen, Ellen Costello, Michael Czarnecki, Paul Dangerfield, Alison DeLeo, Ozgur Ekmekci, Jehan El-Bayoumi, Marcia Firmani, Craig Geist, James Griffith, Zhiyong Han, Robert Hawley, Debra Herrmann, Donald Karcher, Susan Leach, Norman Lee , Zachary Litvack, Raymond Lucas, Lisa Martin, Timothy McCaffrey, David Mendelowitz, Matthew Mintz, Brad Moore, David Parenti, Margaret Plack, Perry Richardson, Sean Robinson, Katalin Roth, Elizabeth Ruckert, Paul Rusilko, Nader Sadeghi, W. Scott Schroth, Sabyasachi Sen, Robert Shesser, Jeffrey Sich, Robert Siegel, Sylvia Silver, Gary Simon, Catherine Turley, Marianne Vail, Alan Wasserman, William Weglicki, Bernhard Weidermann, Linda Werling

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Faculty Assembly, Dr. Jeffrey Akman (Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences).

A quorum of more than 50 faculty members was established. This number met the requirements for conducting Assembly business (25) and voting on changes to the Faculty Bylaws (50).

Professor Steve Charnovitz of the School of Law was named Parliamentarian by unanimous consent. The Chair appointed Michael Berrigan, Lisa Alexander and Jeffrey Sich as tellers for the election of Executive Committee members.

- I. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the September 30, 2013 meeting of the SMHS Faculty Assembly were approved as distributed.
- II. **Election of Members of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly to a Three-Year Term.** The following names were nominated in response to a call for nominations. No additional nominations were received from the floor.
  - Health Sciences Chair: Joyce Maring
  - Basic Science Faculty Member: Imtiaz Khan
  - Clinical Faculty Member: April Barbour, Marie Borum, Tim McCaffrey, Nader Sadeghi
  - Faculty Member from Children’s National Health System: Lawrence D’Angelo

Unopposed candidates Joyce Maring, Imtiaz Khan, and Lawrence D’Angelo were elected by a majority vote.

After three rounds of voting, April Barbour was elected by a majority vote as the faculty member representing the clinical departments.

**III. Election of SMHS Representatives to the University Senate.** The following names were nominated in response to a call for nominations to fill the two positions. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

-Clinical Faculty Member: Anton Sidawy

-Clinical Faculty Member: Rob Shesser

Because University rules require a two-thirds approval to proceed with a vote when there is only one nominee for a seat on the Faculty Senate, a motion was made and seconded to proceed to vote by ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

Both candidates were elected by a majority vote.

**IV. Bylaws Amendments Proposed by Ad Hoc Committee to Review the SMHS Bylaws.** A report was presented on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee (*Paul Dangerfield; Janette Krum; Naomi Luban; Arnold Schwartz; Catherine Turley; Jeffrey Sich, ex officio; Raymond Lucas, ex officio*)

The Chair's request for a motion approving the changes proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee, and endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly, was approved by a unanimous vote.

- V. Executive Committee Report.** Robert Hawley, Chair of the Executive Committee, introduced the members of the Executive Committee and then proceeded to report on actions taken by the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Assembly:
- Selected New Vice Chair (Basic/Health Sciences): Joyce Maring, EdD
  - Created Two Ad Hoc SMHS Committees (approved by unanimous vote of Executive Committee on January 23, 2014).
    - Ad Hoc Committee on Conflict of Interest Issues for Physicians. Marie Borum; Joan Butler; Brian Choi; Allen Dyer; Guillermo Gutierrez; Henry Kaminski; Gary Little; Joseph O'Brien; Michael Seneff; Anton Sidawy; Gary Simon; Anthony Venbrux; Leana Wen;
    - Ad Hoc Committee to Review the SMHS Bylaws. Paul Dangerfield; Janette Krum; Naomi Luban; Arnold Schwartz; Catherine Turley; Jeffrey Sich (ex officio); Raymond Lucas (ex officio).
  - Named Gutierrez Guillermo, Professor of Medicine, to serve remaining term of Michael Compton on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee after Dr. Compton's departure from GW.
  - Endorsed changes proposed by Mark Batshaw in leadership structure for the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Batshaw's increased responsibilities led him to request that the Chair role be uncoupled from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Children's National Health System. The Executive Committee also approved a motion endorsing the launching of an expedited search committee.
  - Appointed Arnold Schwartz, Professor of Pathology, as SMHS Alternate on the University Faculty Senate Dispute Resolution Committee.
  - Approved Membership of Search Committees for:
    - Chair, Department of Pediatrics (Expedited).

- Composition prescribed in MOU between GW and Children’s National Health System. David Wessell, Professor of Pediatrics, was named to chair the search committee by Dean Akman and Mark Batshaw. Following a call for nominations, the following GW representatives were appointed:
  - Non-Pediatrics GW-based Clinical Faculty:
  - Susie Bathgate (Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology)
  - Larissa May (Associate Professor of Emergency Med )
  - GW Basic Science Faculty:
  - Anne Chiaramello (Associate Professor of Anatomy & Regenerative Biology)
- Associate Dean for Medical Education.
  - Dean Akman appointed Bernhard “Bud” Wiedermann, Professor of Pediatrics, to chair the search committee. Following a call for nominations, the following were appointed to the committee:
    - Clinical Chair: Craig Geist (Professor of Ophthalmology)
    - Clinical Faculty: Karen Williams (Associate Professor of Anesthesia)
    - Clinical Faculty: Afsoon Roberts (Associate Professor of Medicine)
    - Basic Science Chair: Doug Nixon (Professor of MITM)
    - Basic Science Faculty: Frank Slaby (Professor of Anatomy & Regenerative Biology)
    - Health Science Chair: Lisa Alexander (Professor of Physician Assistant Studies)
    - Health Sciences Faculty: Margaret Plack (Professor of Physical Therapy & Health Care Sciences)
    - CNHS Faculty Member: Terry Kind; replaced by Craig DeWolfe (Assistant Professor of Pediatrics)
    - Student: Josh Jabout MS2
    - Ex officio Members: Scott Schroth; Yolanda Haywood; Ray Lucas; Jim Blatt
- Approved request to form Search Committee for Director of the Cancer Center.
- Endorsed proposed changes to SMHS Bylaws.

**VI. Search Committee Report.** Dean Akman presented an update on searches recently completed and those still in progress.

**VII. GWU Faculty Senate Report.** Anton Sidawy provided an update of the Senate’s recent activities including discussions with the chair of the Board of Trustees on the Faculty Code.

**VIII. Faculty Affairs Report.** Ray Lucas, Interim Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, provided a brief update on faculty development initiatives.

**IX. Update on Revised MD Curriculum.** Matthew Mintz, Interim Assistant Dean for M.D. Program Curriculum, provided a brief update on the development of the revised M.D. curriculum that will be implemented in August 2014.

**X. Dean’s Report.** Jeffrey Akman provided a brief update on recent accomplishments of the School, our faculty, and students.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeffrey Sich

Executive Director, Faculty Affairs