

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2023

INVITEES/ATTENDEES

<u>Officers/Rules Committee</u>	<u>Voting Members-</u>		<u>Non-Voting Members-</u>	
Sadasivam, Rajani (Chair)	Aronowitz, Jesse	Matheos, Theofilos	Abbott, Mary	Kedian, Tracy
Munro, James (Vice Chair)	Barsamian, Nancy	Menard, Alexander	Abraham, George	Lane, Mary Ellen
Walker, Amy	Blehar, David	Mitchell, Amir	Ahn, Mary	Lanzillotti, Patricia
Pavao, Richard	Bolon, Daniel	Moore, Phoebe	Berryman, Jennifer	Larkin, Anne
	Chu, Sherman	Parida, K/Shuamte, L	Chakrabarti, Parth	Linstedt, John
	Curtin, Carol	Plasse, Mechelle	Collins, Michael	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	Cleveland, Sarah/Agnello, Emily	Reboldi, Andrea	DeMarco, Deborah	Maki, Kristen
	Day, Philip	Sharif, Rifat	Dickson, Eric	Mandrekar, Pranoti
	Fantasia, Jennifer	Slosar-Cheah, Magdalena	Duncan, Marlina	Mattocks, Kristin
	Garwood, Elizabeth	Song, Jie	Fain, James	McMaster, Erin
	Hamar, Benjamin	Thomson, Travis	Fino, Mireli	Munshi, Nishkruti
	Hamzei—Sichani, Farid	Weaver, David	Flotte, Terence	Piorun, Mary
	Kakouros, Nikolaos	Wessolosky, Mireya	Gebhardt, James	Rosal, Milagros
	Kamil, Syed	Whitley, Sarah	Giannaris, Lela	Vitello, Joan
	Korostelev, Andrei	Wolfe, Scot	Gottlieb, Amy	
	Li, Shaoguang	Wylie, Falgun	Gustafson, Michael	
	Lin, Haijiang		Hayes, John	

Dr. Walker called the meeting to order.

STANDING REPORTS

Chancellor Updates

Dr. Collins announced that Commonwealth Medicine is now ForHealth Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School. We think this will help with its work, with its clients and partners to improve the health care experience, making it more equitable, effective, and accessible. There are over 1,100 team members at ForHealth consulting who are providing service in 25 States.

Dr. Collins announced that the budget for the University of Massachusetts came out yesterday. The budget will increase the University's appropriation by 3%. The budget provides a \$10m line item for grants and for innovative programs on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Dr. Collins announced some upcoming events:

- March 17th - Match Day, which will be held in the Faculty Conference room. Match Day is when the fourth-year students find out where they will be doing their residency.
- March 21st - Town Hall meeting. Drs. Collins and Flotte have some important updates to the campus and answer questions from the community.
- March 23rd - Professor Jean-Laurent Casanova, Professor at Rockefeller University in New York and a world-renowned geneticist and expert in the field of innate immunity and immunology, will be the inaugural speaker for the Robert W. Finberg Memorial Lecture.

Dr. Collins congratulated Dr. Alan Jacobson, Chair of Microbiology & Physiological Systems, for his selection to be one of the recipients of the 2023 Gruber Genetics Prize. This is a very prestigious award in genetic studies and it's most appropriate that Dr. Jacobson received this award.

UMass Chan's 50th commencement will be held June 4th. The commencement address will be given by Katie Couric. Katie Couric was on the Today Show, and then CBS Evening News. She has raised over 700 million dollars for cancer research.

The other honorary degree recipients are:

- Tania Issa Semaan, the co-founder and director of the Semaan Foundation. The Semaan foundation has provided two endowed chairs to the institution. Those chairs are held by Drs. Mark Johnson and Marian Walhout.
- Luke O'Neill, chair of biochemistry at Trinity College Dublin's School of Biochemistry and Immunology. Dr. O'Neill has been one of the leading voices the Covid epidemic in Ireland. We will be honoring his very distinguished career in science with an honorary degree.

Provost/Dean Updates

Dr. Flotte added his congratulations to Dr. Alan Jacobson on receiving the 2023 Gruber Genetics Prize, which was awarded to Dr. Jacobson and to Dr. Lynne Maquat at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry for their contributions in identifying and describing the mechanisms of nonsense-mediated mRNA decay.

Dr. Flotte announced some leadership transitions. Several positions were needed to be filled with the passing of Dr. Michael Green. Dr. Michelle Kelliher has been appointed the interim chair of Molecular, Cell and Cancer Biology and Dr. Jonathan Gerber has accepted the role as the Director of the UMass Chan Cancer Center.

Dr. Johanna Seddon has accepted the role interim Chair of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences when Dr. Schaal departs around the 1st of April.

Full searches for both department chairs will be held.

Other leadership search updates:

- Orthopedics Chair- Stage of 4 finalists
- Neurobiology Chair- 3 finalists still in contention
- Program in Human Genetics & Evolutionary Biology- still doing a rolling search. There are several valuable candidates in the pool. Dr. Flotte thanked Dr. Walhout for serving as chair of the search committee.
- Associate Dean for GME- Some excellent candidates being interviewed for the position. Dr. Flotte hopes to get the role filled before Dr. Demarco steps down in May or June.

Dr. Flotte thanked everyone who has been participating in these searches.

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Updates

Dr. Ahn gave a brief presentation for her updates.

PRESENTATIONS

Nominations Committee: Dr. Ahn

Dr. Ahn gave a brief presentation on the Nominations Committee. Dr. Ahn asked for four volunteers of the Faculty Council to serve on the committee. Interested FC members can contact either Dr. Ahn or Gennie Ludovico with their interest to serve.

Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing Curriculum Committee Report: Dr. Fain

Dr. Fain gave an update on the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing Curriculum Committee.

Establishment of the Center for Accelerating Practices to End Suicide: Dr. Boudreaux

Dr. Boudreaux gave a presentation on the establishment of the Center for Accelerating Practices to End Suicide.

Motion to endorse; motion approved

Meeting adjourned.