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# FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 1, 2023

#### INVITEES/ATTENDEES

Officers/Rules Committee	Voting Members-		Non-Voting Members-	
Sadasivam, Rajani (Chair)	Aronowitz, Jesse	Menard, Alexander	Abbott, Mary	Kedian, Tracy
Munro, James (Vice Chair)	Barsamian, Nancy	Mitchell,Amir	Abraham, George	Lane, Mary Ellen
Walker, Amy	Blehar, David	Moore, Phoebe	Ahn, Mary	Lanzillotti, Patricia
	Bolon, Daniel	Parida, K/Shuamte, L	Berryman, Jennifer	Larkin, Anne
	Chu, Sherman	Plasse, Mechelle	Chakrabarti, Parth	Linstedt, John
	Curtin, Carol	Reboldi, Andrea	Collins, Michael	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	Cleveland, Sarah/Agnello, Emily	Seddon, Johanna	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	
	Matheos, Theofilos		Hayes, John	

Dr. Sadasivam called the meeting to order.

### STANDING REPORTS

# Chancellor Updates

Dr. Collins announced that UMass Chan was ranked first in New England in primary care education in the latest edition of the U.S. News and World Report's Best Graduate School Rankings.

Dr. Collins announced that the Lahey leadership visited the UMass Chan campus on May 22. The Lahey delegation met with Drs. Collins, Flotte and Larkin. It was a terrific evening. Dr. Collins thanked Drs. Flotte and Larkin for their hard work in making this happen.

Dr. Collins announced there was a Tree of Hippocrates planting ceremony last week. One of Dr. Czech's collaborators, Dr. Vassilis Zannis, Professor Emeritus at the BU Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine, donated the tree to UMass Chan and spoke of its historical roots and significance to Hippocrates and the medical profession. The other medical schools in Massachusetts also have Hippocrates trees planted on their campuses.

Dr. Collins announced that on Monday, May 29th, Dr. Udit Batra, CEO of the Waters Corp. based in Milford, visited the UMass Chan campus for an introductory meeting and tour. UMass Chan's research enterprise uses several high-end scientific instruments from Waters. It was a wonderful visit, and there will be many more interactions with Dr. Batra moving forward.

Dr. Collins announced that the Deans of all three UMass Chan Schools met with President Grace Wang, the new President of Worcester Polytech Institute, who is interested in strengthening WPI's partnership with UMass Chan.

Dr. Collins announced some commencement events:

- the Gold Humanism Society induction ceremony was held on May 31st.
- the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences awards ceremony was held on June 1st.
- the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing award celebration was held on June 1st
- the T.H. Chan School of Medicine awards breakfast will be held June 2nd.
- Commencement will be held on Sunday, June 4th.
- Dr. Collins hopes that the faculty will join together over the weekend in the various activities so that we can give our graduates a terrific send-off.



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Dr. Collins announced that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> a member of our nursing faculty, Assistant Professor at Dr. Sean Collins, is going to be promoted to the rank of Major General in the United States Air Force. Dr. Collins has led efforts on the front lines in nursing, and had a very senior role in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and worked on Health Readiness Policy, among other areas.

Dr. Collins announced that on June 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a return of the annual Employee Years of Service Recognition Event. This annual celebration had been interrupted for the previous three years due to the pandemic, and UMass Chan will use the upcoming recognition event to recognize service milestones that took place over the past three years.

## Provost/Dean Updates

Dr. Flotte announced that Dr. Stacey Potts has accepted the offer to succeed Dr. Deborah Demarco as our Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Potts has been the Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. She served for many years as the Program Director in Family Medicine, and she's also been on the ACGME and has a real national presence in graduate medical education.

Dr. Flotte congratulated Dr. DeMarco on her retirement and thanked her for the decades of wonderful service that Dr. Marco has put into our institution, first as Program Director in Internal Medicine, and then for more than 20 years as the Senior Associate Dean for GME. Dr. DeMarco has mentored numerous many of our leaders in Graduate Medical Education in all the departments. She's influenced literally tens of thousands of our trainees through the standard she set. Dr. Flotte encouraged everyone to thank her for her many years of service.

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#### Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Updates

Dr. Ahn gave a brief presentation for her updates.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

Admissions Committee Report: Dr. Tracy Kedian

Dr. Kedian gave the annual Admissions Committee Report.

#### Library & Learning Resources Committee Report: Dr. Piourun

Dr. Piorun gave the annual Library & Learning Resources Committee Report.

Motion to endorse; motion approved

Meeting adjourned.