Lerner College of Medicine Faculty Meeting Minutes
5:30 – 6:30 PM
January 8, 2020
MedEdCenter 200 Sullivan Classroom

Attendance:
70 present, 3 online

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM by Dean Page.

Announcements: Dean Page

- Dean Page welcomed everyone and wished a Happy New Year to all.
- Dr. Steven Leffler was named President of UVMMC.
- The Firestone building will be presented to UVM Board at end of January.

Presentation: Dean Geffert

- Dean Geffert presented about the UVM contract with Elsevier ScienceDirect. He covered how the contract expires at the end of the year, 2020. He stated that Elsevier has a monopoly in the field.
- The cost to the University to utilize Elsevier is $1.8 million per year. This cost is not sustainable.
  - 18,311 people have signed a petition to walk away from Elsevier.
  - 13 big universities have walked away from ScienceDirect.
- There have been no decisions yet at UVM, however options mentioned included:
  - 1. Interlibrary loan, whose average time is 11.6 hours to get an article.
  - 2. Possibly reimbursing faculty/staff for articles to have to have right away (journal on demand) and pay for out of pocket, etc.
    - This option present concerns about patient care and not being able to have immediate access to articles. PubMed central was mentioned as a resource but international journals are not in PMC. No decisions have been reached at this time.

Update Faculty Standing Committees:

- Committee on Admissions: Dr. Jan Gallant
  - Dr. Gallant expressed her gratitude to the faculty and chairs. She welcomed anyone to get involved.
- Committee on Advancement: Dr. Mark Plante
  - Dr. Plante discussed the decreased number of dismissals and withdrawals within the college.
- Committee on Fitness: Dr. Jon Miller-
  - Dr. Miller discussed how all students have been remediated and the decreased number of students seen thanks to admission process.
- Committee on Medical Curriculum: Dr. Christa Zehle
  - Dr. Zehle gave an overview of the committee’s activities, which can be seen on the Medical Curriculum Committee slide.
- Committee on Faculty Standards: Dr. Julie Dumas
• Dr. Dumas shared that there has been increased applications every year. There were 44 applications this year.
• Nominating Committee: Dr. Mary Cushman
  ○ Dr. Cushman gave an overview of the committee’s activities, which can be seen on the Nominating Committee slide

LCME Update: Dr. Jan Carney

• Dr. Carney gave an update on the progress of the Self-Study process including the 12 Sub-Committees, the Independent Student Analysis, the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee, the strategic planning process, and Bylaws relating to standing committees.
• Dr. Carney reminded everyone that the Mock Site Visit will be October 18 – 20, 2020.
• Dean Page announced the LCME Mock site visit in October 2020 will be led by Dr. Lois Nora. He also stressed the importance of having ALL students complete the GQ (graduation questionnaire). Last year’s completion rate was only 80%, while the national average was 84%.

Dean Page ended the meeting at 6:23 PM.