

## FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2025

### INVITEES/ATTENDEES

Officers/Rules Committee	Voting Members 1	Voting Members 2	Non-Voting Members 1	Non-Voting Members 2
<b>Walker, Amy (Chair)</b>	<b>Abdennur, Nezar</b>	Hill, Cheyanne	<b>Abraham, George</b>	Kedian, Tracy
<b>Feeney, Susan (Vice Chair)</b>	Agenello, Emily	Huang, Judy	<b>Acosta, Alan</b>	<b>Lane, Mary Ellen</b>
<b>Lauer, Emily (Secretary)</b>	<b>Almeida, Sandra</b>	<b>Kamil, Syed</b>	<b>Ahn, Mary</b>	<b>Lanzillotti, Patricia</b>
	<b>Amenta, Peter</b>	<b>Korostelev, Andrei</b>	Alexander, Jacob	Larkin, Anne
	Anandakugan, Nillani	Li, Shaoguang	<b>Barnett, William K</b>	Lewis, Brian
	<b>Aronowitz, Jesse</b>	<b>Lindholm, Mary</b>	<b>Berryman, Jennifer</b>	<b>Lindstedt, John</b>
	Benanti, Jennifer	<b>MacLean, Ashley</b>	Catanzano, Tara	Luzuriaga, Katherine
	<b>Binder, Zach</b>	Matheos, Theofilos	Chakrabarti, Partha	Maki, Kristen
	Blehar, David, MD	<b>Menard, Alexander</b>	<b>Chisholm, Brendan H.</b>	Mattocks, Kristin
	<b>Bolon, Daniel</b>	Mitchell, Amir, PhD	Collins, Michael	McMaster, Erin
	Bouzan, Nicole K	Moormann, Ann	Dickson, Eric	Munshi, Nishkurit
	Bucci, Vanni	Osa-Agbontaen, Elizabeth	Duncan, Marlina	Munson, Mary
	<b>Chan, Wayne</b>	Reboldi, Andrea	Flotte, Terence	<b>Piorun, Mary</b>
	Cleveland, Sarah\	<b>Sadasivam, Rajani</b>	Gebhardt, James	Plasse, Mechelle
	Crist, Michelle	<b>Shank, Elizabeth</b>	Giannaris, Eustathia Lela	<b>Potts, Stacy</b>
	<b>Day, Philip</b>	Thomson, Travis	<b>Green, Emily</b>	Precourt, Justin
	Fantasia, Jennifer	<b>Timpson, Wendy</b>	<b>Grunwald, Michael</b>	Rosal, Milagros
	<b>Gkrouzman, Elena</b>	Waweru, Jacqueline	<b>Hayes, John</b>	Teng, Christopher
	Gutierruz, Nuria Martinez	<b>Wessolossky, Mireya</b>	<b>Healy, James</b>	<b>Vitello, Joan</b>
	<b>Hamar, Benjamin</b>		Johnson, Mark	<b>Zai, Adrian H</b>

Dr. Amy Walker called the meeting to order.

### STANDING REPORTS

#### *Chancellor's Updates*

Dr. Collins discussed the recent federal research funding cuts and delays to UMass Chan Medical School. The university led a multi-state lawsuit that was co-led by the Massachusetts Attorney General in February, concerning the NIH's proposed cap on indirect costs. The temporary restraining order was challenged, and then a permanent restraining order was put in place after the hearing. Unfortunately, the directs, the actual awarding of grants, study sections and council meetings are on hold, which is a serious problem for the medical school. However, we are all working together with the Provost and Deans of the three schools, and a tremendous amount of work has been done with our finance team in collaboration with the department chairs. Dr. Collins stated that we will work through these challenging times and hopefully come out on the other end with something that is sustainable and allows us to have a bright and successful future.

#### *Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Updates*

Dr. Ahn gave a brief presentation for her updates.

### **BRIEF DISCUSSION AND VOTE: MINUTES**

Having determined a quorum was met, the meeting minutes from the Feb and March meeting were approved.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Federal Support for Research: A Changing Landscape***

John C Lindstedt, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, gave a financial presentation update.

### ***Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Establishment of a New Academic Program in RNA Therapeutics and Biology***

Dr. Mary Ellen Lane presented the proposed programs of study for the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Motion to endorse; motion approved

### ***Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) Establishment of a New Direct Entry Master of Science (MS) for Non-Nurses program***

Dr. Priscilla Gazarian presented the proposed programs of study for the Tan-Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing

Motion to endorse; motion approved

### ***Women's Faculty Committee Update***

Dr. Abita Raj gave a presentation on the Women's Faculty Committee Updates

### ***Women's Faculty Committee Bylaw Revisions***

Dr. Abita Raj presented the proposed revisions to the Women's Faculty Committee Bylaws

Motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Women's Faculty Committee Bylaws; Motion approved

Meeting adjourned.