

SUNY UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 4, 2018

MINUTES

The October 4, 2018 meeting of the SUNY Upstate Medical University Council was held in at the Binghamton Clinical Campus. The following members were present:

Council Members

Thomas E. Taylor, Acting Chair
John B. Johnson, Jr.
Gwyn Mannion
James Sparkes
Adham Alifarag, Student Representative

Jay Brenner, MD, Faculty Representative
Patricia Numann, M.D., Alumni Representative*
Erin Peters, Administrative Support
Darryl Geddes

Guests

Lenore Boris
Leann Lesperance, MD
Gloria Meredith, Dean School of Pharmacy
Binghamton University
Colleen Feeney, COM Class of 2020
Elizabeth Sulger, COM Class of 2020
Jonathan Von Reusner, COM Class of 2020

SUNY Upstate Representatives

Lisa Alexander, J.D.
Jonathan Archey
Tammy Austin-Ketch
Katherine Beissner*
Leah Caldwell
Hans Cassagnol*
Lynn Cleary, M.D.
Robert Corona, D.O., MBA
Rajesh Dave', M.D., MBA
Nancy Daoust*
Eric Frost*

Danielle Katz, M.D.
Danielle Laraque-Arena, M.D., FAAP
Julio Licinio, M.D., Ph.D.
Sri Narsipur, M.D., FASN, FACP
Darlene Noyes*
Eileen Pezzi, MPA
Rena Rokicki*
Mark Schmitt, Ph.D.
Eric Smith, CPA, MBA
Linda Veit, MPH
Julie White, Ph.D.
Stuart Wright*
Mark Zeman*

*Excused.

I. Council Report

- **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Council Chair, Thomas Taylor. Chair Taylor welcomed everyone and began the meeting. Chair Taylor thanks Dr. Dave` and his staff for their hospitality and thanked them for hosting the meeting. Introductions of participants were made.

- **Approval of Minutes**

None at this time

- **Approval of Council Resolution**

Chair Taylor read aloud the resolution for former council member Alan Hertel. Chair Taylor called a motion for approval and the resolution was unanimously passed.

- **Statutory Items**

There were no statutory items to discuss at this Council meeting.

II. Presidents Report

Dr. Laraque-Arena reported she would comment on four items.

1. Transition
2. Discussion regarding what we have been engaged in over the past three years with the strategic plan.
3. Students
4. Communication

Dr. Laraque-Arena reported shared the Upstate announcement and SUNY announcement of her decision to step down a President of SUNY Upstate Medical University on December 22, 2018. Her goal during her last three months is a smooth and seamless transition. Her focus will be on students, patients, and the community. Dr. Laraque-Arena is looking forward to her study leave and will use the time for reflection.

Dr. Laraque-Arena shared over her time at Upstate there have been many challenges we have faced. She has remained focused on the concentration of poverty in our community and trauma/violence from firearms. She will continue to be committed to education of our students and the community during her transition.

Dr. Laraque-Arena reported we have been engaged in orchestrating and organizing our strategic priorities over the past three years. The strategic plan was launched in 2017 and in July 2018 the first quarterly report of performance measures was completed. During this time, the four colleges have also begun to complete their strategic plans for each of their areas. The College of Medicine, the College of Health Professions and College of Graduate Studies have finalized their plans and the College of Nursing's plan is in draft form.

Dr. Laraque-Arena invited Dr. Lynn Cleary to give an update on Middle States. Dr. Cleary reported we are in the last six weeks for the final preparations for the Middle States full site visit. There have been over 100 faculty and staff who have worked on the report. Dr. Cleary stated, "the report is a very good evidence-based report that ties closely with our strategic plan."

Dr. Cleary reported there will be a Middle States Mock Site Visit on October 15-16, 2018. This visit will be a trial run of the real site visit on November 11-14, 2018. Site visitors will review our report and provide feedback.

Dr. Cleary reported that we have had discussions with Middle States on what the media reported in the past several months, and have provided additional information to them regarding those events.

Dr. Cleary reported the infrastructure is here to support students and the infrastructure is independent of one person.

Dr. Laraque-Arena reflected on her communications over her time at Upstate. She began with formal messages every two weeks and moved to monthly announcement; then to notable events. Recently Dr. Laraque-Arena began to share informal newsletters of good news and the good work we are doing throughout the institution. She indicated that it is important to share the many positive things happening at Upstate that this is more reflective of Upstate's mission and contributions than recent negative press, and she hopes to do this through the news letters.

Dr. Laraque-Arena reported she is available to the students and will be meeting with them next week to answer questions regarding the transition,

III. Update on Binghamton Campus

Dr. Dave` welcomed and thanked Council and Upstate Leadership for their support. He personally thanked Dr. Laraque-Arena for her leadership and strength to lead Upstate over the past three years. Dr. Dave` thanked Gloria Meredith, Dean of the School of Pharmacy at Binghamton University for their collaboration with the student experience, as we want to push forward, continue to build and move toward the future.

Dr Dave` reported the Binghamton Campus will be moving to a new location on the sixth floor of the Decker school of Nursing at the Binghamton University. This move will allow for opportunities for collaboration including, shared lounge space which will facilitate informal cross disciplinary interactions shared classroom space, sharing faculty, inter-professional educational experiences (IPE), Sharing clinical facilities, collaborative research opportunities, and multi-disciplinary simulations.

Dr. Dave` reported on potential innovation including pilot IPE and simulation experiences, create a longitudinal experience in each clerkship, encourage 3rd and 4th year electives that build on strengths in the community, and increase the applicant pool and enhance admissions pathway for Binghamton University students.

IV. Student Introductions and Reflections

Three Binghamton Campus students were invited to attend the October Council session. Colleen Feeney, Elizabeth Sulger, and Jonathan Von Reusner gave their perspective and experiences on their time at the Binghamton Campus. Collectively the students reflected on what made the Binghamton Campus a good fit for them.

- Overall positive experience
- High quality preceptors, faculty, and staff
- Dr. Lesperance is very receptive and good at responding to feedback
- Enjoy the autonomy
- Ability to see complex cases
- Easy access to attendings, senior residents, and interns
- The small size works to their benefit

Students were asked by Council to compare their experience to that at the Binghamton Campus to that at the Syracuse campus. All students agreed the environment is slightly different at the Binghamton Campus, but they have had a great experience and received a good education. Students at each campus take the same shelf exams and are required to fulfill the same requirements. One variation is in the Family Medicine clerkship. Syracuse campus students rotate on four-week rotation in their ambulatory settings with one preceptor, whereas Binghamton Campus students have a longitudinal experience with one preceptor weekly for an entire year. Pediatrics also differs, as all the complex cases are sent directly to Syracuse. In Binghamton there is a lower inpatient census, and there is more one-on-one teaching because there is one student per ambulatory location for pediatrics.

V. Final Remarks

Chair Taylor thanked Dr. Laraque-Arena for her leadership and support, and respects her decision to step down.

Dr. Laraque-Arena thanked the Council and expressed, she has enjoyed working with them.

Guest, Dean Gloria Meredith, Binghamton School of Pharmacy thanked the Council for inviting her to the meeting. She reported there is an agreement between the Clinical Campus and the School of Pharmacy. She reported there will be a case study in opioid abuse starting, a new simulation suite, and IPE simulations, she is hoping to do with Upstate. She thanked Upstate for the agreement and believes it will help with her accreditation. She is in full support of moving the clinical campus to the 6th floor of the Decker School of Nursing building.

VI. Adjournment

With there being no further business, Chair Taylor made a motion to adjourn. With all members in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.