

AGENDA Health Sciences Committee September 9, 2021

- I. Approval of Minutes April 22, 2021
- II. Closed Session



Health Sciences Committee

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Agenda Item:	I. Approval of Minutes - April 22, 2021
Responsible Person:	Tom Furr Committee Chair
Action Requested:	Action
Notes:	

Health Sciences Committee – Open Session ECU Board of Trustees April 22, 2021 Main Campus Student Center

Board Members Present:

Tom Furr (Committee Chair)
Fielding Miller (Committee Vice Chair)
Angela Moss (Committee Member)
Jim Segrave (Committee Member)
Scott Shook (Committee Member)
Vern Davenport
Leigh Fanning
Van Isley
Bob Plybon
Tucker Robbins
Vince Smith

Others Present:

Chancellor Rogers
Kelsey Booth
Michelle Brooks
Stephanie Coleman
Virginia Hardy
Jeannine Hutson
Chris Locklear
Jenny McKellar
Robin Tutor
Michael Van Scott
Amanda Williams
Paul Zigas

Recorder: Cindy Reaves

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Furr called the meeting to order at approximately 3:23 pm and read the conflict of interest statement required by the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts were identified. The minutes of February 11, 2021 were approved.

Health Sciences Division Update:

Dr. Mark Stacy reviewed the Health Sciences Division metrics. ECU Physicians missed financial targets; however, overall volumes and gross charges continue to improve. The UPL payment, decreased by \$3M caused by lower Medicaid volumes in Mar – June '20. Outpatient volumes in clinics and surgical practices are recovering. ECU Physicians for cost control reduced expenses by \$5.9M. ECU Physicians Revenue Cycle functions continue to be very strong with revenue per generated wRVU improving year over year for the past 4 years. Patient experience is only slightly off target and can be attributed to

changing processes, patient flow and staffing levels all resulting from COVID. Publications are on track to hit end of year targets however are not always predictable month to month due to the timing of a journal being published.

Dr. Mark Stacy highlighted the National Match Day results, divisional rankings and progress on fall enrollment. This is the second year that Brody's Match Day was conducted as a drive-by event to continue with social distancing efforts. Demonstrating our commitment to the mission, 58% will be entering primary care residencies and 35% remaining in NC for residency. Dr. Stacy is proud of the advances made in the US News & World Report rankings this year in the Health Sciences Division as the CAHS, CON and BSOM are all represented in the top graduate programs. BSOM's applications were up by approximately 18%. The CAHS as well as the CON are extremely competitive with many more qualified applicants than available slots. The SoDM has 38% of their incoming class identified as under-represented minorities as student diversity is central to their mission of serving rural and underserved communities. Dr. Stacy compared COVID statistics and related activities today with those of April 2020. We are not past the pandemic, but progress has definitely been made.

Agromedicine Update:

Dr. Robin Tutor, Director of the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute, updated the committee on the institute's work to promote the health and safety of farmers, fishermen, foresters, their workers and their families. This is accomplished through research, prevention & intervention, and education & outreach. In addition to their university partners, the Institute relies heavily on its collaborative partnerships with the agricultural community, other universities, businesses, health care organizations, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations who are dedicated to identifying and addressing health and safety risks of the agricultural community.

Agromedicine Student Remarks:

Ms. Kelsey Booth, Doctor of Nursing Practice student, discussed her experiences as a student at ECU, including her work with agromedicine, her impetus for choosing ECU and her plans for the future.

Closed Session:

Action: A motion was made by Chairman Furr that the Health Sciences Committee go into closed session. Mr. Shook read the motion to go into closed session:

1. to prevent the disclosure of confidential information under N.C. General Statutes §126-22 to §126-30 (personnel information) and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and

- 2. to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, or appointment of prospective and/or current employees and/or to hear or investigate a complaint or grievance by or against one or more employees.
- 3. to prevent the disclosure of competitive healthcare information under N.C. General Statute 130A-45.11; G.S. 131E-97.3.
- 4. to consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Committee.

Action: Motion passed.

Action Items from closed session to be announced in full BOT open session:

Request - The Board approve the following motion:

I move that:

 The board approve recommendations for promotion and permanent tenure for faculty members listed for the 2020-2021 academic year for the Health Sciences Division as presented in the board materials.

The meeting moved back into open session at 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.



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