



**Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine**  
**Faculty Assembly Meeting**

*Thursday, October 11, 2018*  
*Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak*  
*East Auditorium, Administration Building*

**MINUTES**

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- I. Call to Order – Jason Wasserman, Ph.D., Vice President, Faculty Assembly**
  - Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm
  - Dr. Stefanie Attardi, Secretary, Faculty Assembly, reported that quorum is present.
- II. Welcome – Dr. Jason Wasserman**
- III. Approval of Minutes for Spring Faculty Assembly, March 27, 2018 – Dr. Jason Wasserman**
  - Dr. Wasserman asked for a motion to approve minutes. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Informational Items**
  - i. Oakland University (OU) Senate Report – Dr. Paul Megee, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Foundational Medical Studies
    - OUWB members of the OU senate are Dean Robert Folberg, M.D., Dwayne Baxa, Ph.D., Mary Dereski, Ph.D., and Paul Megee, Ph.D.
    - Senate meetings are open to all faculty and held monthly on Thursdays at 3PM: November 15, 2018, December 6, 2018, January 17, 2019, February 14, 2019, March 21, 2019, and April 18, 2019
- V. Introduction of President Pescovitz – Dr. Jason Wasserman**
  - President Pescovitz is a member of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB) faculty and the President of Oakland University
  - President Pescovitz is a pediatric endocrinologist elected to the National Academy of Medicine
- VI. President's Address – Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD, President, Oakland University**
  - i. President Pescovitz recognized Dean Folberg, the administrative team, the faculty, and health system, for creating our remarkable school in a short amount of time. OUWB has graduated four classes of exemplary students. She reported the following data about the school: For the class of 2022 there were 8500 applicants. The class's incoming grade point average was 3.78. There is an equal split between men and women and 12% of the class are underrepresented minorities. She highlighted several unique programs and courses: PRISM (Promoting Reflection and Individual Growth through Support and Mentoring), COMPSS (community engagement), Medical Humanities and Clinical Bioethics, Opera and Medicine Program, Faces for the Future Program, mandatory clerkship in pain management, interprofessional collaboration with University of Detroit Mercy Dentistry.
  - ii. President Pescovitz also highlighted examples of faculty who are recognized for their national and regional leadership including:
    - Dr. Robert Noiva, Associate Dean of Pre-Clinical Education, served on the Governor's Commission to write the state-wide curriculum on opioid addiction
    - Dr. Duane Mezwa, Chair of Diagnostic Radiology and Molecular Imaging, is former chair of the Residency Review Committee for radiology

- Dr. Terry Kowalenko, Chair of Emergency Medicine, President of American Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Kowalekno was a recent guest on the Wisconsin Public Radio to discuss the role of emergency room physicians.
- Dr. James Grant, Chair of Anesthesiology, President of the American Academy of Anesthesiology.
- Dr. George Williams, Chair of Ophthalmology, Incoming President of the American Academy of Ophthalmology
- iii. Dr. Pescovitz highlighted that the faculty's publication record of 707 articles in 2017. Our students contributed toward 100 manuscripts.
- iv. The president responded to questions from the faculty including, *What should we be doing in the future? What should OUWB look like in the future?* Answer from Dr. Pescovitz: To be a more formidable medical school than we already are, we need to be better in education, research, clinical activity, and philanthropic activity. She highlighted the following examples; \*We can diversify our educational opportunities. For example, more global health opportunities.
- v. \*We can offer our students expanded educational research opportunities, for example, more rural, inner city, and veterans' healthcare experiences. Research is the area of greatest opportunity for growth.
- vi. \*We need to expand our bench, translational, and clinical research through recruitment of investigators, acquisition of grants, foundation support, and needed resources. Discovery will lead to more publications, grant activity, patents, licenses, technology transfers, contributions to economic development, and contributions to the health system. We can do this through expanding interdisciplinary collaborations with OU, the Beaumont Research Institute, and other schools (e.g., physical sciences, psychology, health sciences, education). Success could lead to the creation of an MD-PhD program.
- vii. \*Increased philanthropic activity could increase student scholarships, faculty recruitment, endowed chairs. Dr. Pescovitz is supportive of centers of excellence in collaboration with Beaumont in key priority areas where we are already strong. Dr. Pescovitz offered to do anything she can to see this vision become our reality.

## **VII. Dean's Report – Dr. Robert Folberg, MD, Stephen Sharf Dean of OUWB**

- i. Dean Folberg welcomed special guests Carolyn Wilson, MBA, RN, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Beaumont Health, and Mr. Michael Brennan, President, OUWB Medical Student Government (MSG).
- ii. Dean Folberg encouraged faculty to attend Med Ball, MSG's annual formal event, in January at The Community House in Birmingham
- iii. (should this be the first item in this section?) Dean Folberg acknowledged and thanked Dr. Pescovitz for being the first OU President to attend our Faculty Assembly
- iv. Dean Folberg encouraged faculty to with questions to write to him or speak with him in person
- v. Dr. Linda Gillum, PhD, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, will be retiring on February 4, 2019. Dr. Folberg asked Dr. Gillum to address the faculty and be recognized for her contributions to OUWB.
- vi. Dean Folberg emphasized that the way our trainees are treated trickles down to how patients are treated. He provided two examples of how we can care for our students. Dr. Michele Raible, MD, Founding Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, used to facilitate sessions for faculty about how to communicate with medical students in the learning environment. We must create an environment where it is safe to make mistakes while learning. Dean Folberg praised the Student Affairs team for coordinating activities that teach students to care for themselves. We must role model self-care so the students know how to care for patients.

- vii. This year's AAMC Graduate Questionnaire had a response rate of 86%. OUWB is in the top 10% of US medical schools in terms of student satisfaction.
- viii. The 2018 Step 1 results were announced
- ix. A learning environment group will be created by Dr. Cynthia Ledford, MD, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Clinical Education. The learning environment will be a focus of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) site visit in the fall of 2019. The new group was created to ensure we offer an environment that fosters the development of the type of physician we want to train.
- x. OUWB graduates are becoming recognized during their residences for caring for patients' social and emotional needs

**VIII. Announcements – Dr. Jason Wasserman**

- OUWB School of Medicine Reception at the Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting in Austin – November 3, 2018
- OUWB School of Medicine Curriculum Retreat – November 16, 2018
- Spring Faculty Assembly – April 16, 2019
- OUWB Commencement – May 10, 2019
- Medical Education Week – May 13-17, 2019

**IX. Motion to Adjourn – Dr. Jason Wasserman**

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm