

October 25, 2021

Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum – Multi-Purpose Room

ATTENDANCE

IN-PERSON	VIRTUAL	ABSENT
Ademola Adeoshun '23	Wendi El-Amin, MD	Rik Austin, MD
Austin Beason, MD	Nicole Florence, MD	Careyana Brenham, MD
Jason Gilihan, MD	Jacqueline Harris, MD	Erik Constance, MD
Robert Juranek, MD	Sean Hollonbeck, MD	Mary Jo Davies
Jerry Kruse, MD	Breck Jones, MD	Jesse Hsieh, MD
Joey Maiocco '24	Elizabeth Montgomery Collins, MD	Madison Nelson, Lincoln Scholars Rep.
Kate Moore, MS	Steve Raben, MD	Molly Smith '25
Katie Oxby	Susan Reeder, MD	Christine Todd, MD
Julie Robbs, MA	Hal Smith, MPA	
Mark Schmelzel, MD	Tabatha Wells, MD	
David Skillrud, MD		
Steve Soltys, MD		
Elek Wellman '22		
Lisa Wichterman, MD		
Matt Winkleman, MD		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Dr. Winkleman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 25, 2021. He thanked everyone for attending both in person and virtually. Ms. Robbs made introductions of new Alumni Affairs staff, Katie Oxby.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Board President Dr. Winkleman opened discussion on meeting minutes; Dr. Jones called for correction of the minutes to reflect that he was in attendance. With this correction, the minutes were approved.

3. DEAN'S UPDATE

Dr. Kruse reported that our area had its lowest COVID-19 numbers since July 1st reported today. We are getting back down close to 75 cases per 100,000 per week which might trigger some loosening of some of the COVID-19 guidelines. The School of Medicine has come through COVID-19 pretty well because everyone pitched in to make that happen (faculty, staff, administrators, alumni). Virtual events helped everyone move through COVID-19 by learning a lot from the alumni. From the wine tasting event to the more difficult conversations regarding practices and challenges going on in and around them. Every event/activity helped to move through the pandemic.

- By tightening the belt in 2020, 2021 clinical practices have got back to more than average.
- SIU is up 18% (patient encounters over two years ago).
- SIU is up 8% (over the last year, excluding four months of the pandemic).

- Current 4th-year medical students' USMLE Step 1 scores were 33% higher than they did on their MCATS collectively coming into medical school.
- The School of Medicine saw a net gain of 62 faculty members this year (44 of those didn't leave, and 18 hired). The average for medical schools is a 12-year tenure for a faculty member at our institution. All but 5 of the 62 faculty are physician faculty members who are also clinicians.
- We currently have thriving residency programs. In 2016, we had 330 residents (Springfield, Quincy, Decatur, and Carbondale). Today we have 392 residents (gain of 62 residents). We have a new residency program in Alton, Illinois. We have new programs and fellowships in Critical Care, Oncology, Cardiology, and GI are all thriving.
- President of SIU System Dan Mahony moved to Springfield along with the system office. This is a good move for everyone (Carbondale, Springfield, and Edwardsville). President Mahony has started extending a vision by hiring a Vice-President for anti-racism equity, diversity, and inclusion, opening an office of community engagement, and establishing an institute for rural health. He and his staff have been expanding and embracing many of the things the School of Medicine does. The interim Director for the office of Community Engagement – Stacy Grundy. The interim Director for the office of Rural Health – Jeffrey Franklin
- There has been some turnover; however, most are retirements; Dr. James Daniels, has retired a search for position fulfillment has been done. There has been an offer that is not finalized yet for the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in Carbondale. Dr. James Gilchrist left as Neurology Chair, and we are searching for a new chair. Dr. John Mellinger will also be retiring in November 2021. The Chief Medical Officer and Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Population Health position has been open for a while. Dr. Doug Carlson has been the interim. Candidates have been gathered for the position. Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Erik Constance, will be retiring in 2022, and a committee for this position has just been finalized. Director of Alumni Affairs, Julie Robbs, is retiring after 30 years of excellent service at the school of medicine. We are currently putting together a committee, getting applications, and setting up interviews for this position.

4. OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Constance was absent from the meeting. Board President Dr. Winkleman reported on his behalf.

- Matriculating class of first-year medical students – Class of 2024: 44 females; 27 males; 9 African Americans; 3 Latino; 2021 Average MCAT 508; 2020 Average MCAT 506.
- Dr. El-Amin reported that students are doing well, considering this is the first time they have been back in person in a small group; this has helped with their learning experience. Medical students have been working on community collaboration. Overall, the equity, diversity, and inclusion office has been busy building an anti-racism task force. It consists of four separate entities: metrics, training, organizational analysis, and policy and procedures.

5. OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

A summary of the alumni affairs activities was provided with the agenda. Ms. Robbs reported offering virtual alumni events, and her office has been gathering feedback on all events to assist with future events and planning. HOST season is occurring and will be virtual for the students. Reunion class committees are being put together for Reunion 2022. Virtual events will continue to be offered even once things get back to normal. This is an excellent tool for networking students and alumni and offers excellent benefits. The Charter class of 1976 just had a reunion October 1-2, 2021. There are currently 39 living alumni in the class of 1976. 20 Alumni reunion. Some Alumni came back to Springfield for the first time in forty-five years. Dinner Friday at Panther Creek with Dr. Kruse, Dr. Dorsey, Dr. Constance, and President Mahony amongst attendees. Saturday's event at Maldaner's went very well and involved

just the class. The Alumni Society is continuing to connect and support medical students via email and provided clerkship survival bags; study week snacks both in Springfield and Carbondale, and padfolios for the MS4's for residency interviews.

Dr. Beason commented regarding the HOST program. He inquired how to make connections even virtually when it comes to visiting different cities and programs to network with alumni as the application process becomes more virtual. Dr. Winkleman said that by offering more mentorship, this program would be best evolved by offering input to medical students regarding cities, programs, and any other questions they may have. The students would then take this information back to their classmates and say that even if you don't need somewhere to stay, the Alumni Society can be a resource for HOST programs and current medical students. Ms. Robbs noted that the HOST Program has assisted the students virtually for the past 2 years providing some benefits, and we often have MS2 students asking to connect with alumni via phone, virtually, or in-person quite often and this service has to be continuously offered.

6. STUDENT RESPONSES

Dr. Winkleman gave each of the student's questions before the meeting to eliminate repetitiveness. The first-year medical student Molly Smith and Madison Nelson, with the Lincoln Scholar Program, were absent from this meeting.

- "How are you/your class adjusting to virtual interviews?" Mr. Wellman, '22 agreed that the HOST program was beneficial to the students, as they do not get to see the programs personally; however, they can meet people themselves or visit the city. He stated that getting a list of alumni in a specific city or practice has benefited many MS4 students during this time of virtual interviews. Ms. Robbs will send a reminder to the MS4 students about the HOST program. The class of 2022 was very prepared for virtual interviews thanks to numerous faculty and staff helping them with preparations. Dr. Idrizi put together a whole program over zoom to practice interviews and eliminate anxiety. The previous class has helped with their virtual interview preparation and gave them advice on lighting and questions.
- Mr. Adeoshun, '23, reported that the MS3 are halfway done with their rotations. The SOM has been a supporting program where all the doctors, residents, and attendees are making sure you get something from the program and leave with knowledge. On behalf of Ms. Robbs, he did a survey with the MS2-4 asking for feedback on the YMCA memberships since the Alumni Society does pay this fee. 70% replied; of 70% who replied, 97% use and love it; the 140 who replied, go at least once a week, sometimes more; students agreed that the YMCA is the best gym currently; the only downfall is the current hours because of COVID-19.
- "How are things for Carbondale and Springfield transition?" Mr. Maiocco, '24, reported that his experience in Carbondale was minimal due to COVID-19 and not being able to do anything in person. They were restricted to their rooms and some classrooms; they could get outside and enjoy hiking, but the overall experience was not engaging, and neither was the Carbondale community. The positive changes when coming to Springfield were how the tutor groups and lectures finally being in-person. All Doctoring activities have been in person, which has been a significant change for the class to get daily face-to-face interaction. The following significant change for the class was that everything in Carbondale was strictly focused on curriculum, moving from the score environment to pass/fail. He is not sure if the Winter Ball will occur in 2022 yet. Dr. Winkleman inquired if further virtual or in-person learning has been preferred. Mr. Maiocco stated that they were virtual in their first unit, but they were in-person with the start of CRR. The plan is to continue in-person learning as long as possible. The MS2 were polled regarding transition and wanted to be in person for tutor

group activities. Dr. Winkleman then asked what exposure the medical students have had in telehealth; Mr. Wellman stated that the MS4 have had limited exposure to leading these visits as the attendees typically do that. Mr. Adeoshun said that as an MS2 last year while the attendee leads the telehealth call, the students will visit other patients. Mr. Maiocco explained that the MS1 do have a standardized patient who will mimic a telehealth appointment coming up this week.

7. 2022 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Dr. Winkleman reported that the Distinguished Alumni Committee met via Zoom on September 23rd to discuss nominations and bring forward candidates for the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, Service Award, and Early Career Achievement Award. The following are the committee's recommendations:

- Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award: Dr. Travis Crabtree, '95
- Distinguished Alumni Service Award: Dr. Stephen Goetter, '76
- Early Career Achievement Award: There weren't many nominees for this award. The committee suggested we put out a request for additional candidates.

Dr. Soltys suggested we extend the deadline because it takes a while to get information and recommendations. Ms. Robbs and Dr. Winkleman replied that these nomination packets need to be ready for the spring board meeting so the recommended candidates can be brought forward to the board for voting. This timeframe is to get the nominations in, the committee meet, and then have the voting board members vote and complete it by spring for the announcement. The date for nominations was moved to January 3rd. Dr. Jones asked for clarification as to what defines and should be considered when nominating someone for the Early Career Achievement Award and if residency counted as a career? Dr. Winkleman said this award is considered fifteen years after graduation from medical school. If someone has done something great during residency, let's celebrate this. The shorter the time, the more significant the accomplishment would need to be. Dr. Wichterman added that she does not think we should have to choose someone if there aren't strong applicants. Dr. Winkleman explained that there were no nominees last year as that was the first year for the award; the person given the award was nominated for a different award and better fit the Early Career Achievement Award criteria. We keep nominees for two to three years, along with some gap years Dr. Winkleman entertained a motion to approve the recommendations from the committee for Dr. Crabtree for Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, Dr. Goetter for Distinguished Alumni Service Award, and to put out a repeat call for Early Career Achievement nominations with a due date of January 31. Dr. Skillrud seconded the motion, there were no further questions or discussions, all board members approved, motion passed.

8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Austin was not in attendance for this meeting due to serving with the National Guard. Dr. Winkleman reported that the Nominating Committee met via Zoom on September 30th to discuss nominations and bring forward candidates for open seats for the spring 2022 SIU School of Medicine Board of Governors. The following are the board recommendations for the BOG Committee:

- Dr. Diane Hillard-Semball – Orthopedic Surgery – Class of 1986
- Dr. Michael Pick – Rheumatology – Class of 1976
- An alternate was also chosen if needed/

Dr. Winkleman entertained a motion to approve the recommendations from the nominating committee. Dr. Hollonbeck seconded the motion, there were no further questions or discussions, all board members approved, motion passed.

9. PHYSICIAN WELLNESS COMMITTEE & SRF UPDATE

Dr. Wichterman reported on the Wellness Committee and updated the virtual events that have and will continue to be offered because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The online events were: Caring for Each Other – Dr. Dorsey, Surviving Retirement, Class of 1976 Zoom Meeting, Finding Connections in a Time of Isolation – Dr. Erkonen, Culinary Medicine – Dr. Sattovia, Wine Tasting Event, Planned Giving Virtual Event (January 22, 2022), and the annual Alumni Student Dinners will be held in person in Springfield and Carbondale pending COVID-19 regulations. Dr. Wichterman continued to report on the Student Resource Fund, the current balance: \$29,600.00, with two major expenses: YMCA Dues and Winter Ball.

Dr. Wichterman asked Mr. Smith (Foundation Office) to strongly encourage alumni giving to the student resource fund. She suggests holding the requests for 2022 since after the above comes out of the account, we will only have around \$9,000.00. She went on to say that there is around \$20,000.00 left in the SRF and we set aside the health club membership funds to be paid in November, 2022. After payments in previous years. The account is getting low, so she suggests not putting out additional requests from the SRF this year, depending on what the board thinks. Dr. Wichterman made a motion not to send out requests for additional funds to be used outside the YMCA and Winter Ball this year.

A balance in the account for emergencies, like if the medical student lounge needed a microwave or Keurig in the last couple of years. Dr. Winkelman added that they keep a surplus as a cushion if the donations are low, so they have the funds for that year to continue the YMCA memberships and Winter Ball. Dr. Sean Hollonbeck and Dr. Lisa Wichterman seconded the motion. There were no further questions or discussions, all board members approved, motion passed.

10. FOUNDATION Q&A TO REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on Alumni giving. He told Dr. Wichterman that they encourage giving primarily about student resource funds and student scholarships. He provided a foundation packet to all in-person meeting members with updates and a fiscal year 21 report. He presented a PowerPoint explaining the Foundation's mission and how it is aligned with the SOM.

- Day of Giving: March 4, 2020 - \$200,226.00 from 322 Gifts; March 3, 2021 - \$392,324.00 from 394 Gifts.
- Significant Gifts: \$MM – Naming Alzheimer’s Center; \$1M – Estate Gift - Named endowed scholarship; \$800K – Trust for treatment of osteoporosis and arthritis research; \$450K – Nurse-Family Partnership - leverages \$900K more; \$500K – New Cancer Research Gift; \$300K – Faculty Support for three faculty/physicians; \$100K – Pledged-3 gifts for Scholarships; \$275K – Denim and Diamonds 2021.
- Alumni Giving: 56% SIUSOM MD Alumni donated; 46% SIUSOM MD Alumni have never donated.

ALUMNI GIVING

	FY 2015	FY 2020	FY 2021
# of Alumni	2685	2869	3002
# of Donors	305	208	239
Percentage	11%	7%	8%
Total Giving	\$164,063.53	\$323,461.15	\$508,228.05

- Forever Forward Campaign Update – Forever SIU overall university
- FY20 \$2.75M; FY21 \$6.4M

Area	Goal	As of October 22nd, 2021	Percent of Goal
SIU School of Medicine	\$24,000,000.00	\$16,798,479.00	69.99%
SIU Carbondale	\$200,000,000.00	\$134,632,072.00	67.32%

- SIU Foundation Office Major Dates: Day of Giving: March 2, 2022; Women’s Power Lunch: April 22, 2022; Butterfly Release: TBA

11. ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Austin sent Dr. Winkleman an update since he was unable to attend. An announcement will be placed in the upcoming alumni newsletter and sent to the class listservs inquiring alumni who are interested in participating in Advocacy on an as-needed basis. If there are issues that come up in legislature would benefit alumni reaching out on advocacy on behalf of the medical school on specific issues if necessary. There are many different rules and regulations regarding what we can and cannot do. We are still pursuing and working on this committee.

12. RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Juranek (in-person) and Dr. Harris (virtually), received plaques for six years serving on the SIUSOM Board of Governors from Dr. Winkleman.

Dr. Winkleman thanked Ms. Robbs for her time at the SOM and presented her with a plaque on behalf of the Alumni Board. The SIUSOM Board of Governors then presented Ms. Robbs with a gift for her hard work over the years.

13. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No further or new business.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.