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**Alumni Society Board of Governors  
October 17, 2016  
801 N. Rutledge, Pearson Museum  
Springfield, Illinois**

Present:

Deborah Albright, MD	Jordan Markel, Class of 2018
Elizabeth Cavanagh, MD	Shelby Markel, Class of 2020
Erik Constance, MD	Joyce Miller, MD
Robert Farmer, MD	Cris Milliken
John Flack, MD, guest	Sean Murray, Class of 2017
Gary Giacomelli, guest	Adolfo Napolez, MD
Gordon Grado, MD	Necole Powell
Jacqueline Harris, MD	Susan Reeder, MD
Michael Honan, MD	Brian Reinholz, Class of 2019
Joe Houston	Julie Robbs
Nedra Joyner, MD	Nicole Sommer, MD
Robert Juranek, MD	Joseph Tamimie, MD
Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH	Michael Williamson, MD
Niva Lubin-Johnson, MD	Matthew Winkleman, MD

President Elizabeth Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and introduced Dr. John Flack, Chair and Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine, and Chief of the Hypertension Section. Dr. Flack provided a “Transdisciplinary Research Update” discussing the research being conducted at SIU SOM. Topics included the Illinois Precision Medicine Initiative, the Transdisciplinary Disease Registry which includes hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (and gestational diabetes) and pre-diabetes, and the SIU Medicine Informatics Repository.

Following Dr. Flack’s presentation, introductions were made.

**1. Dean’s Report – Dr. Kruse reported:**

**Education & Administration**

Dr. Kruse provided an overview of the student body, which includes 288 medical students, 330 resident physicians and fellows, 80 physician assistant students, 90 graduate students, and 60 MEDPREP students. He provided insight into the new curriculum, including the Critical Clinical Competencies and the changes to the Year 3 curriculum. He reported that four of seven clinical chairs are new, and Dr. McNeese was recently appointed the title of Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion.

**Federally Qualified Health Centers**

Dr. Kruse discussed the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that SIU SOM has throughout the region. The first one mentioned is the newly expanded Center for Family Medicine in Springfield, which doubled its size to 60,000 square ft. and had a ribbon cutting that took place on September 29. The New Access Points (NAP) locations throughout the region, both

planned and in operation, include sites in Quincy (in operation), and Lincoln (awaiting approval). Change in Scope (CIS) locations, also both planned and in operation, include sites in Jacksonville (in operation), Decatur (awaiting approval), and in Springfield at Memorial Behavioral Health and Sangamon County Public Health Department (both in planning). A planned site in Taylorville could either be a CIS or an NAP. He stated that according to a recent national study, approximately 900,000 people in the region are not receiving care through FQHC's.

### **SIU SOM Population Science & Health Program**

Dr. Kruse continued by discussing the new SIU SOM Population Science and Health Program. The Office of Population Science and Policy, headed by Dr. Sameer Vohra (Class of 2011), will be the academic side of the program and will focus on science and research, education, policy and advocacy, and social sciences and human development.

The Office of Population Health, headed by Dr. Harry Lausen, will focus on clinical aspects such as population health science, telehealth and clinical outreach, medical informatics and business intelligence, quality and performance improvement (science of health care delivery), and population health management.

The Office of Regional Programs provides a link to all of the programs and is headed by Lori Williams.

### **Research**

Dr. Kruse reported that the search for an Associate Dean for Research is underway and is nearing completion.

On October 13th, the SIU System held its 1<sup>st</sup> Technology and Innovation Expo in Chicago. The event had a great turnout, and Dr. Kruse was "astounded" by what he observed. Some of the highlights of the expo included, Bill Halford's presentation on the treatment and prevention of herpes simplex infection; Andrew Wilber's presentation on gene therapy using viral vector for thalassemia and sickle cell anemia; and a presentation on tinnitus and penile prosthesis. A dinner with Chicago area alumni was held that evening with Ms. Robbs and Ms. Powell. He provided a SOM update to the alumni.

The Sangamon County Medical Innovator Awards took place on March 10<sup>th</sup> and SIU won all nine of the awards. Award examples include IVH, infant development, cell regeneration for hearing loss, Vitamin D and resistant hypertension, Stage 4 abdominal cancer, tissue engineering to create organs, robotic surgery, and natural killer cell for renal carcinomas.

### **Plastic Surgery Residents are National Champions!!**

Dr. Kruse announced that SIU's team of plastic surgery residents recently defeated other teams from New York University, University of Pittsburgh, Mayo Clinic-Arizona, and Northwestern University to become the national champions at the American Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting.

### **Brand & Image Update**

Dr. Kruse addressed the upcoming brand and image update for the School of Medicine and SIU Healthcare that will slowly rollout in January, 2017 to distinguish us in all areas. It was mentioned that the color would be changing from green to purple. Dr. Winkleman suggested that Dr. Kruse provide an explanation to alumni as to why the branding change was needed so the change wouldn't be quite so much of a shock upon rollout.

## **State of Illinois Budget Impasse and SIU SOM Cash Flow Update**

The state's budget impasse is still ongoing and approximately \$46 million is owed to SIU. Currently, physicians are withholding 5% of their pay to help SIU SOM get through the situation. Dr. Kruse stated that SIU SOM needs to maintain an innovative edge and to remain competitive despite the budget challenges.

### **2. SIU SOM Strategic Plan Update**

Dr. Kruse raised some of the major points outlined in the 2013-2017 Strategic Plan. He mentioned that in the past, alumni have not been addressed to get their suggestions in the planning process. He asked board members how they envisioned themselves and other alumni being engaged in future planning, and if anything should be added and/or changed. A handout was provided in the board packet that provided the opportunity for board members to review the Strategic Plan and provide any suggestions that they might have. He stressed that any comments can be submitted either directly to him or to Gary Giacomelli, Assistant Provost, Institutional Planning & Management Information. Dr. Winkleman suggested that we should include ways that alumni can support the strategic goals such as mentoring/precepting/teaching, directing the students to the SOM, being ambassadors for the SOM, hosting, etc.

3. Following Dr. Kruse's report, Dr. Cavanagh made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved.

4. **2017 Distinguished Alumni Committee Report** – Dr. Cavanagh reported that the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Committee consisted of herself-Chair, Drs. Farmer, Goldberg, Polaschek, Sommer, Napolez, and Miller. The committee met September 29 to review an outstanding list of nominees. Dr. Cavanagh presented the slate of candidates for consideration and provided a brief synopsis of each candidate, but stressed to everyone that her brief summaries of each candidate should not be considered exhaustive. There was brief discussion. Members voted by ballot to present the 2017 award to Dr. Janet Albers, Class of 1987. She will be notified and those who were nominated this year will be in the nomination pool for next year.

5. **Nominating Committee Report** – Dr. Winkleman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee met September 28, and consisted of himself, Drs. Cavanagh, Reeder, Williamson, Honan, Albright, and Lubin-Johnson. He reviewed the process that the committee took to provide a well-balanced board. Following brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of recommendations. The motion passed. New members to begin at the spring 2017 meeting are: Dr. Careyana Brenham ('00), Dr. Rik Austin ('14), Dr. Milton Armstrong ('82), Dr. Kelli Webb ('08), and Dr. Tabatha Wells ('09).

6. **Office of Student Affairs Report** – Dr. Constance provided handouts summarizing the counties of origin within Illinois for the four classes currently attending the School of Medicine. The students who are from out of state are listed as residents of Jackson County. SIU SOM is within the top 10% in the nation when it comes to minority graduates, and the Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation is expected to help attract more applicants. Students who successfully complete the MEDPREP program are automatically accepted to the School of Medicine, but many of those students choose to go to other medical schools. Many medical students across the country are facing increased debt, largely due to an increase in undergraduate debt. Students are choosing to go into more National Health Service corps. Dr. Winkleman asked if there was any evidence that Illinois is having difficulty recruiting physicians/a bad state to practice medicine in. Dr. Constance replied that Illinois is just worse than the surrounding states due to tort reform. He ended his report by thanking the board for the student health club memberships provided through the Student Resource Fund. The students greatly appreciate it.

- 7. Student Report Q & A** – The student reports were provided in the board packet prior to the meeting. There were no questions. Mr. Murray, Class of 2017, stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Robbs and Ms. Powell to discuss how to establish an ongoing class gift program.
  
- 8. Foundation Report** – Ms. Powell provided a written report prior the meeting including 1) Proposed SIUC “Initiative”, 2) Budget Update, 3) FY2016 Reunion Class giving, 4) FY16 SOM Alumni Giving, 5) FY16 Alumni Society Board of Governors Giving. She added a recap of Foundation’s annual fundraising goal and stated that 92% of their goal was met, and that alumni giving increased by \$66,000 in FY16. The reunion class giving program was a success and that Dr. Williamson’s class (’76) gave the most money with a total of \$11,000. Donations from the board have increased 55%. In a previous discussion with Dr. Lubin-Johnson, it was suggested that board members who have contributed donations would receive a commemorative pin. Those who have contributed will have their pin next to their badge at the upcoming board meeting in April. Ms. Powell went on to state that the Harbinger Society will be re-energized and that minimum amount required to be a member was raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000; a Harbinger reception will be held Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Isringhausen Imports lobby. She will work to establish new giving clubs so there are different giving levels.
  
- 9. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members** – Dr. Cavanagh presented the outgoing board members (Drs. Napolez, Lubin-Johnson, Grado, and Sommer) with plaques to commemorate their cumulative 27 years of experience on the Board of Governors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.