

Minutes: February 28, 2025

COMLS Council

HEB 105 and Webex: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Previous minutes approved
- 3) Dean's Report - no updates
- 4) Committee Reports
 - a. From Dr. David Giovannuci
 - i. UToledo now has Carnegie Foundation R1 status
 - ii. Interim Provost is moving to convert Dr. Imran Ali to permanent Dean of COMLS
 - iii. Senate Bill I/ HB6 Enact Advance Ohio Higher Education Act is on track to pass the Ohio legislature
 1. Here's a link to read a news synopsis of SB 1:
<https://www.wtol.com/article/news/education/ohio-senate-bill-1-what-does-it-do-education-dei-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/512-8dec1afd-edc9-48a2-8291-97ab24dd53b4>
 2. In response the Faculty Senate passed a resolution affirming and supporting academic freedom and sent to interim president and the media. It is listed on the Faculty Senate website.
 - iv. SB 104, known as the "Bathroom Bill," was signed by Governor DeWine and contains language requiring individuals to use multiple occupancy restrooms that correspond to sex they were assigned at birth.
 1. UT has numerous single-occupancy restrooms across Main Campus and Health Science Campus.
 - v. President Search Committee
 1. Interviews for second round will be in March/April.
 - a. Goal is a permanent president before the next academic year begins.
 - b. The Board indicated that the process of selection is sequestered and there will be no input from other university stakeholders.
 - vi. Provost search
 1. First-round virtual interviews in 2 weeks
 2. Witt-Keiffer search firm
 - vii. Vice President for Research
 1. Witt-Keiffer search firm to identify candidates. Per Dr. Giovannuci, "Although I met with the search firm and advocated for our concerns for a research leader, I am not sure who from our college was selected for the search committee and to what degree we are

represented.” The Board intends that the permanent President will have input in to choosing these individuals.

- viii. Lee Johnson, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO, will join Faculty Senate on March 11 to discuss University’s financials and budget.
 - ix. Faculty Senate approved a Pre-Medical Study certificate program from NSM.
 - 1. No further information available
 - 2. Will request additional information from COMLS Faculty Senators
 - x. Elections for Faculty Senate will be held on April 22. Consider nominating individuals for President Elect of Faculty Senate and 2 representatives at-large from HSC for Executive Committee.
- b. From Dr. Kandace Williams
 - i. No significant grad school updates

5) Old Business

- a. IRB
 - i. Will need members from COMLS to serve on this
- b. JCCTR
 - i. Does not have a contract manager yet
- c. Resolution on clinical research
 - i. Resolution read to faculty
 - ii. Resolution with amendments made passed unanimously (attached as the appendix)

6) New Business

- a. Dr. Eric Carleson will join as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development
 - i. New name will be Faculty Development and Affairs
- b. New Resolutions proposed
 - i. Regarding inclusion of COMLS Faculty in the VP for Research position. A motion was made/seconded/discussed/passed unanimously as follows:
 - 1. That COMLS Executive committee communicate immediately to the Dean of COMLS the following:
 - a. That the Dean make a formal request to the office of the Provost that there be additional representation from COMLS Faculty on the ongoing search for the VP of Research including but not limited to the COMLS Senior Associate Dean for Research, RAC leadership, and JCCTR leadership to represent no less than 1/3 of the committee membership in order to restore appropriate committee balance and fairly represent the entire research faculty of the University of Toledo. In addition, the search committee for this essential

position shall meet with the COMLS faculty and interested HSC campus faculty to obtain input from stakeholders.

7) Adjourned 1:10pm