

SOM Faculty Council Minutes

February 10, 2025

Welcome and Call to Order (0:03 timestamp)

Lynn Fisher, M.D. – Associate Professor, Wichita – Department of Family & Community Medicine; School of Medicine Faculty Council Chair

- ❖ *Dr. Fisher called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.*
- ❖ *Standing Committee Report – the Standing Committee report was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no questions or additional comments about the report.*

Student Promotions and Special Programs Overview (0:43 timestamp)

Candice Coffey, M.D. – Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine; Student Promotions and Special Programs Committee Chair

- ❖ *Dr. Coffey provided an overview of the responsibilities of the committee.*

Campus Updates (06:13 timestamp)

Kansas City – Akinlolu O. Ojo, M.D., Ph.D., MBA, - *Executive Dean, School of Medicine*

- ❖ *Dean Ojo reiterated that as announced by the EVC, any faculty who receive a stop work order or letter related to spending on any project or research grant should reach out to the Senior Associate Dean for Research (Dr. Peter Smith). This allows the School to provide further guidance and advice.*

Wichita – Garold Minns, M.D., Dean – Wichita Campus, School of Medicine

- ❖ *Dean Minns shared the excitement and apprehension of students as rank order lists are due soon. The campus also continues to evaluate the feasibility of an emergency medicine residency in Wichita. Work progresses on the new building, and despite the cold weather, concrete pouring continues. Initial notices for promotion and tenure advancements have gone out which is exciting for faculty.*

Salina – report delivered by Lynn Fisher

- ❖ *Dean Hughes was not able to attend the meeting, but sent a report stating that things were going well on the Salina campus and they are awaiting a successful match day next month.*

APT Committee Recognition

- ❖ *Dean Ojo recognized the work of the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee in*

reviewing applications. He also noted that the rigorous promotion process distinguishes KUMC compared to industry or nonmedical settings and is an important aspect of professional life at a medical center.

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Accreditation Visit Preparation (12:50 timestamp)

Caitlin O'Connor. – Assistant Director Assessment and Program Review, Office of Academic and Student Affairs

Robert Klein, M.D., Ph.D. – Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs

- ❖ *Dr. Klein thanked faculty for submitting transcripts and engaging with the process so far.*
- ❖ *Caitlin O'Connor discussed the general visit schedule. The HLC team will be in Lawrence on March 3rd-4th and then the morning of March 5th they will be at KUMC. There will be several opportunities for SOM faculty to participate in this visit. The exact schedule will be available two weeks prior to the visit. Visit the [myKUMC HLC accreditation page](#) for additional information.*

Meeting Close

- ❖ *Dr. Fisher thanked all the presenters and reminded attendees that the next Faculty Council meeting is Wednesday, April 9th, 4:00pm via Zoom.*
- ❖ *The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.*