

**Faculty Council**

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**FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 6, 2022**

**INVITEES/ATTENDEES**

<u>Officers/Rules Committee</u>	<u>Voting Members-</u>		<u>Non-Voting Members-</u>	
<b>Pavao, Richard (Chair)</b>	Aronowitz, Jesse	<b>Mitchell, Amir</b>	Abbott, Mary	Larkin, Anne
<b>Sadasivam, Rajani (Vice Chair)</b>	Barsamian, Nancy	Moore, Phoebe	<b>Ahn, Mary</b>	<b>Linstedt, John</b>
Munro, James	Blehar, David	<b>Peterson, Kenneth</b>	<b>Berryman, Jennifer</b>	Luzuriaga, Katherine
Walker, Amy	<b>Bolon, Daniel</b>	<b>Plasse, Mechelle</b>	<b>Chakrabarti, Parth</b>	<b>Maki, Kristen</b>
	<b>Burnett, C/Suh, L</b>	<b>Pryciak, Peter</b>	Collins, Michael	Mandrekar, Pranoti
	Chu, Sherman	Reboldi, Andrea	DeMarco, Deborah	Mattocks, Kristin
	<b>Curtin, Carol</b>	<b>Richmond, Jillian</b>	Dickson, Eric	<b>McMaster, Erin</b>
	Fantasia, Jennifer	Sharif, Rifat	Duncan, Marlina	<b>Piorun, Mary</b>
	Faustina, Misha	Slavin, Justin	Fain, James	<b>Rosal, Milagros</b>
	Francis, Michael	<b>Slosar-Cheah, Magdalena</b>	<b>Florence, Roxanne</b>	<b>Vitello, Joan</b>
	Garwood, Elizabeth	<b>Song, Jie</b>	<b>Flotte, Terence</b>	
	<b>Hamar, Benjamin</b>	Trivedi, Meghna	Gottlieb, Amy	
	Kakouros, Nikolaos	<b>Wessolosky, Mireya</b>	Gustafson, Michael	
	Kamil, Syed	<b>Wolfe, Scot</b>	Hayes, John	
	<b>Korostelev, Andrei</b>	Wylie, Falgun	<b>Lane, Mary Ellen</b>	
	<b>Learnard, H/Agnello, Emily</b>		Lanzillotti, Patricia	

Dr. Pavao called the meeting to order.

**BRIEF DISCUSSION AND VOTE: MINUTES**

Having determined a quorum was met, the meeting minutes from November were approved.

**STANDING REPORTS**

***Dean & Provost Update***

The COVID positivity rate numbers in the hospital are high due to the Omicron surge. The Medical Center's testing center reported an over 40% positivity rate among symptomatic patients and 20% positivity rate among asymptomatic patients. In the school, numbers are not as high. However, all didactic sessions are remote for the weeks of January 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Medical School's on-site testing center has a cap of 575 tests per date that they can accept each day.

Students are being tested twice per week. For the foreseeable future, students will be tested at the testing center once per week and will be given an at home test to use for their second test. The at-home tests are being provided by a state contract.

***Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Update***

We're relaunching the New Faculty Orientation on Zoom. Our hope is to eventually move back to an in-person event. However, since that is not possible currently, we're planning a high impact event for new faculty on January 11, 2022, from 8-10 am on Zoom. Future orientation sessions will be offered on a quarterly basis. Provost Flotte and Chancellor Collins will be at the event. Any faculty, even if they are not new, are welcome to attend.

Dr. Ahn provided an overview of the planned agenda. The format is changing a bit from those offered in years past. This shorter will event will provide attendees with a tasting menu/overview of the UMass Chan Medical School and UMass Memorial Health Care. In between scheduled orientation programs, faculty can view resources on the Office of Faculty Affairs website such as: slides from the orientation program, documents, and training session videos. An email invitation will be sent out to the Faculty Council membership. All interested faculty are welcome to attend the event.



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*Library & Learning Committee Update*

Dr. Piorin presented an Annual Library Update for Faculty. Presentation here.

Meeting adjourned.