

**Minutes of the Board of Regents,
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences**

**Meeting No. 192
August 5, 2015**

The Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences met on August 5, 2015, at the Navy Lodge Norfolk, 7811 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, Virginia. The meeting date and agenda items were published in the Federal Register and each Regent was duly notified prior to the meeting. The Board Executive Secretary, Jeffrey L. Longacre, M.D., was present during the meeting along with the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Mrs. Jennifer K. Nuetzi James. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. Due to schedule conflicts with the Secretary of Defense designee, the closed session was conducted before the open session. Members and advisors listed below were in attendance:

Board Members

Ronald R. Blanck, D.O., Chair
Haile T. Debas, M.D., Member
Michael M.E. Johns, M.D., Member
Charles S. Robb, J.D., Member
Leo E. Rouse, D.D.S., Member
Gail R. Wilensky, Ph.D., Member
Jonathan Woodson, M.D., Secretary of Defense designee (participated by teleconference)
Charles L. Rice, M.D., President, USU
MG Joseph Carvalho, Jr., MC, USA, Representing the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army
CAPT Darin K. Via, MC, USN, Representing the Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy
Brig Gen Sean L. Murphy, USAF, MC, Representing the Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force
RADM Boris D. Lushniak, USPHS, Representing the Surgeon General of the United States

Advisors to the Board

Gen Thomas R. Morgan, USMC (Ret), Military Advisor to the Board

OPENING COMMENTS

Dr. Blanck noted the representative members which were introduced in the closed session. The following points were included in Dr. Blanck's remarks:

- Dr. Blanck noted the follow up on Dr. Rice's questions to the Board which were presented at the May Board of Regents meeting. The Board feels that the frequency and content of votes is sufficient. The topic of Advisors to the Board will be addressed before the November meeting and a resolution will be presented at the November meeting. Dr. Blanck welcomed thoughts on an Emeritus status for Board members and noted the potential onerous FACA process that may ensue. Various Board members contributed their experience with Emeritus status at other entities and the need for clarification as to what the term Emeritus entails.
- Dr. Blanck noted the possible submission for the AGB John W. Nason Award for Board Service. Dr. Blanck noted the extensive work necessary for submission and asked about the benefit and reward for the effort. Dr. Rice noted the ability to gain publicity and notoriety would be welcome. Dr. Blanck asked about any conflicts due to the Board's advisory status. Dr. Rice didn't feel there were any conflicts. Senator Robb asked about the publicity that might be received of which Dr. Rice elaborated on various entities. It

was noted that there are no fees involved with a submission. Dr. Blanck noted we would pursue the award.

- The next Board meeting is November 2-3, 2015. The Dean's will present their incoming class information, the Executive Dean of the Postgraduate Dental College will report as will the Faculty Senate and USU IG. Any members with conflicts for this meeting were advised to notify the DFO.
- The USU Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) site visit for the School of Medicine will occur October 25-28, 2015.
- The electronic Board book software is under review, as are other options, to ensure the Board receives the best value option.
- Dr. Blanck noted that Regents may purchase bricks in the University courtyard, which will be placed in a special section. Board support staff can provide additional information.

MATTERS OF GENERAL CONSENT

Dr. Blanck presented the matters of general consent listed below.

- Minutes of the May 15, 2015 meeting at Tab 8
- Declaration of Board Actions (no voting actions or recommendations have occurred between meetings) at Tab 9

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Vote by voice vote: Approved the matters of general consent as presented.

BOARD ACTIONS

Degree Granting – School of Medicine

Dr. Blanck, on behalf of Dean Kellermann, presented for certification two School of Medicine candidates. Both of the students presented would be endorsed pending they have completed the requirements necessary to be awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine and then enter graduate medical education.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Vote by voice vote: Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dr. Blanck and recommended that the university president confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine on the two candidates following completion of their requirements.

Degree Granting - Graduate Education

Dr. Blanck, on behalf of Dean Kellermann, presented for certification five candidates to receive graduate degrees in the Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology (three Doctoral and two Master's candidates). Additionally, two candidates were presented to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (one candidate in the Emerging and Infectious Diseases Graduate Program and one candidate in the Neuroscience Graduate Program) and two candidates were presented for the degree of Master of Science in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Vote by voice vote: Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dr. Blanck and recommended that the university president confer the degrees as stated upon each of the nine candidates.

Degree Granting - Graduate School of Nursing

Dr. Blanck, on behalf of Dean Romano, presented for certification one Graduate School of Nursing candidate to receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree in the Doctor of Nursing Science Program.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Vote by voice vote: Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Dr. Blanck and recommended that the university president confer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy upon the candidate.

Faculty Appointments and Promotions

Dr. Blanck noted an effort to condense agenda items of similar content and was therefore calling for one vote on all faculty appointments.

Dr. Blanck, on behalf of Dean Kellermann, presented the recommendations made by the School of Medicine Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure at meetings held on June 8, 2015, June 16, 2015, June 19, 2015, June 22, 2015, July 2, 2015, and July 9, 2015. Thirty-five individuals were recommended for faculty appointment or promotion.

Dr. Blanck, on behalf of Dean Romano, presented the recommendations made by the Graduate School of Nursing Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure at a meeting held on July 9, 2015. One individual was recommended for a faculty appointment.

Dr. Blanck, on behalf of Dr. Schneid, presented the recommendations made by the Postgraduate Dental College Committee on Appointments and Promotions at a meeting held on June 24, 2015. Nine individuals were recommended for faculty appointment or promotion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Vote by voice voted: Concurred with the recommendations as presented by Dr. Blanck and recommended that the university president implement the actions for the 35 School of Medicine, one Graduate School of Nursing and nine Postgraduate Dental College faculty recommendations.

Award Nominations

Dr. Blanck presented the nomination of Lt Gen (Ret) Paul K. Carlton for his establishment of medical care in the air and evacuation of service members.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Vote by voice vote: Concurred with the recommendation as presented by Dr. Blanck and recommended that the university president implement the action.

Dr. Blanck presented the nomination of RADM Boris Lushniak for his Board attendance, participation and contributions, noting his thanks directly to RADM Lushniak who was in attendance.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board

Vote by voice vote: Concurred enthusiastically with the recommendation as presented by Dr. Blanck and recommended that the university president implement the action. RADM Lushniak abstained from voting.

RADM Lushniak expressed thanks to the Board for the hospitality and its work toward the University's mission.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The following points were included in Dr. Rice's discussion:

- The Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2) 1st year cohort success was noted by their final course grades with a cumulative GPA ranging from 3.48-4.00. An EMDP2 student, a junior NCO, was recognized for tutoring his classmates. The faculty at George Mason has praised the students' success.
- The EMDP2 2nd year cohort will consist of three airmen, seven soldiers and two marines. The two marines consist of an airframe mechanic and a musician. Dr. Rice noted a BUMED error in potentially turning down the musician due to BUMED's lack of understanding that the individual completed calculus in middle school. Discussion ensued regarding the interest in the program from the enlisted service member community. The Navy solicitation for applicants has occurred and Dr. Rice hopes to have more airmen in the program next year.
- Dr. Rice noted the Dean of the School of Medicine is considering waiving the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) for the EMDP2 students that successfully complete their preparatory studies. The Dean is working with the Admissions Committee regarding this recommendation. MG Carvalho asked about the benefit to waiving the MCAT. Dr. Rice noted the potential for the students to consider USU as a top school and allow the students to pursue additional courses. Dr. Johns noted his experience at Johns Hopkins and noted no decrease in the quality of the applicants or student population. Dr. Wilensky noted the move in higher education, away from standardized testing. Discussion occurred regarding the possibilities of not using the MCAT for any students and future implications.
- The Global Health Certificate Program, Attachment 2, of Dr. Rice's report was reviewed. The program is proposed as a primarily online program with some residency components. Dr. Rice recommends using a pilot test as noted in COA #2 of the attachment. The course would not be for credit towards an advanced degree because there isn't an advanced degree for Global Health in place.
- Dr. Rice noted an update from the consultants on Building F will occur in a few weeks and the Board members are welcome to attend. Dr. Woodson will be briefed in September.
- The Unity of Effort between USU and Walter Reed has been very successful due to the support of Admiral Bono and General Clark. The USU Office of Research has been working with Walter Reed to have a common IRB and efforts to streamline research. Collaborative Health Initiative Research Program (CHIRP), the precision medicine program, might be able to use research space at Walter Reed which would assist the Murtha Cancer Center. Dr. Woodson has created a working group to see if statutory requirements are necessary in order for the positions of USU Department Chair and Chief of Service at the Medical Center can be combined.
- Dr. Rice noted that Graduate Students will be Research Assistants on the Federal payroll. Dr. Woodson has supported the effort and noted that the students should not count toward the FTE cap.
- The Defense Health Horizons has been established as the USU innovation cell. The cell will look at the 2022 TRICARE contract RFA and beyond. Mr. Middleton will be joining this group.

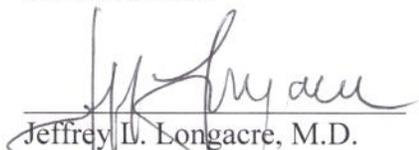
- Dr. Rice noted his recent engagements with the PACOM Surgeon, Rear Admiral Colin Chinn and PACOM component Surgeons, Marine Forces Pacific Commander, Captain Krulak and the US Army Pacific's Surgeon General's staff.
- Dr. Rice noted his upcoming visits to Thailand and Turkey. Dr. Schoomaker will attend the Asia Pacific Military Health Exchange in Vietnam on behalf of the University.
- USU Bushmaster exercises will occur in mid-October with ATLS and course room work occurring the weeks prior to the actual field exercises. It was noted that any visitors of the Board members are also welcome to attend. MG Carvalho noted he will work with the Army Surgeon General to see if additional media coverage can be coordinated. Dr. Rice noted the participation of the Postgraduate Dental College in the exercise as well as the 2nd Medical Battalion from Camp Lejeune.
- The University will host a symposium on Warrior Care in the 21st Century, involving a dozen NATO countries and scores of international guests. Dr. Woodson and Secretary Carson are planning to attend.
- The University salary schedules have recently been updated, a handout has been provided.
- Dr. Rice noted a thank you note from Dr. Lindberg for his USU honorary degree at the 2015 Commencement.

CAPT Via asked about the Warrior Care Symposium and how the University is leveraging the opportunity for visibility. Dr. Longacre noted the bidirectional relationship with the COCOM's and University's ability to serve the COCOM's which is enhancing visibility. Dr. Longacre noted the University's MOU with India as the mechanism the COCOM's can engage India. Discussion ensued regarding the multiple layers of the Department of Defense that are informed regarding University international endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, Dr. Blanck asked if there was any further information to be brought forward, of which there was none. Dr. Blanck mentioned the Climate Survey summary document and a special thank you to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth for its support and hospitality. Dr. Blanck noted that in mid-August there will be more information for the USU presidential search, then adjourned the open portion of the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

SUBMITTED:



Jeffrey L. Longacre, M.D.
Executive Secretary, Board of Regents

APPROVED:



Ronald R. Blanck, D.O.
Chair, Board of Regents

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