

**MINUTES**  
**486<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE**  
**3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 22, 2020**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENT:** Akst, Antoine, Benjamin, Bennett, Bigelow, Bitzer, Blakeley, Boss, Bulte, Cabahug, Campbell, Carr, Cervenka, Cooke, Cormack, Dirckx, Donehower, Duffield, Eberhart, Fu, Gallia, Gourin, Hutton, Inoue, Karjoo, Kim, Macura, Mahesh, Manahan, Margolis, Marino, McGrath-Morrow, O'Brien, Pierorazio, Razzak, Redmond, Reesman, Seymour, Stayman, Stevens, Stewart, Swenor, Tamashiro, Vernon, Wagner-Johnston, Williams, Zeiler

**Mmes: Messrs:**

**ABSENT:** Al-Grain, Burke, DeZern, DeZube, Doetzelhofer, Garcia, Ingari, Merkel-Keller, Ponor, Wu

**Mmes: Messrs:**

**REGULAR GUESTS:** Drs. Clements, Skarupski

**Mmes: Bruder, Guy Messrs:**

**GUESTS:** Drs. Ford, Rothman

**Mmes: Colecchia, Gottlieb Messrs:**

- I. Welcome and approval of minutes.** Dr. Mahesh welcomed the Senate members and guests. The minutes of the 485<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate were presented. A motion was made, seconded and minutes were approved as distributed.
- II. Paul Rothman, MD, Dean for Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; COVID-19 Update.** Dr. Rothman started by expressing his extreme pride in the dedication, sacrifice and courage he has witnessed at all levels of those who represent JHM. He is also proud of the preparations made by JHM to handle this crisis. As of 4/22/20 at 1pm: **COVID:** *Cumulative inpatient COVID patients:* 280; JHH – 120, Bayview – 26, Howard County - 40, Suburban - 66, Sibley – 28; *Cumulative ventilators in use:* 57; JHH – 38. PPEs supply is okay right now but could possibly present a problem because the supply chains are not firm at this time. JHH and JHM is keeping a close eye on this. Our scarcest resource is the N95 masks. Testing is in place through tremendous efforts of JHM faculty and staff: nearly 15k JHH tests performed and 2k positive. Currently, pathology can perform up to 2k per week. We also have a serology test that just came online last week that we are using for a select number of patients. **Education:** All in person classes are canceled. Medical students are taking classes online. Clinical rotations are postponed. Still debating when to bring students back on campus so they can complete their rotations and graduate on-time. Per the letter from Pres. Daniels, the Fall semester is still being decided upon. This is the same for Research and Graduate students. **Labs:** Except for COVID labs, all others are shut-down except for essential personnel. **Surgeries:** Elective surgeries are on hold. **Telemedicine:** Ramped up by hundreds of calls. Overall response is robust and the hospital system is well positioned to address clinical needs for both COVID and non-COVID medical needs.
- III. Theresa Colecchia, Sr. Associate General Counsel, Office of Vice President and General Counsel, Julie Gottlieb, MA, Associate Dean of Policy Coordination; JHU Revised Gift Policy update.** Theresa Colecchia and Julie Gottlieb presented changes to the gift policy with the goal of limiting excessive personal gifts to providers. There was an extensive discussion regarding the dollar amount for gift limit. The Senate asked for a revision to state: "Gifts of consumable items (including food baskets, flowers and similar items) that are shared with a unit are exempt from this policy." With this change, the policy was voted upon and approved unanimously.
- IV. Daniel Ford, MD, Professor and Vice Dean for Clinical Information; Update on research activities during COVID-19.** Dr. Ford spoke on the active research Hopkins is conducting related to COVID-19. There is a newly created Clinical Research Coordinating committee, which is required for COVID-19 associated research prior to submitting to the IRB. The application to submit to this committee is on the ICTR website (<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/coronavirus/>). This committee meets twice a week to review any protocol that will involve human subjects for COVID research. There is also an emergency COVID IRB that is scheduled to meet daily, Monday - Friday. There is a COVID steering committee working to integrate the various COVID committees. This includes accessing data, precision medicine analytics and bio specimen committees. Most of the active research is targeted towards a patient that is in the early stages of the disease who do not require a ventilator, however, there are protocols for all aspects of COVID-19 care. Plasma donors are now being recruited for a clinical trial in acutely ill patients. We also working on the Hero Workers study which is the study of frontline workers. Non-COVID-19 research is now being regulated based on a Tier system (<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/coronavirus/announcement-from-the-vice-dean-for-clinical-investigation-2/>; <https://hub.jhu.edu/novel-coronavirus-information/research-preparedness/research-preparedness-human-subjects/>).

- V. **JHU-SOM Policy on Conduct in Teacher/Learner Relationships and Learner Mistreatment (“Learner Mistreatment Policy”)** reviewed and finalized: This policy addresses the responsibilities of the Teacher and of the Learner and avenues for addressing any inappropriate behavior that may occur in the context of a Teacher/Learner relationship. Additions and edits were made based on input from the Post-doctoral Association and the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel. After review of the edits, the final version was voted on electronically and passed by the Faculty Senate.
- VI. **Announcements:** Dr. Mahesh announced that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Faculty Senate elections for FY21 are suspended. All seated members are requested to remain until the Fall of 2020. At that time, we will decide how to proceed with the elections for the next fiscal year.

With no further announcements, Dr. Mahesh thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 4:44 PM.

The Faculty Senate will meet next on May 6, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Faculty Senate Secretary*  
Monica Guy  
*Recording Secretary*