Faculty Healthcare Council
October 23, 2020
3:30 – 5:00 pm.
Zoom

Attendees: Renee Rivard, Tunga Kiyak, Kara Schrader, Linda Keilman, Sarah Mainville, Deborah Moriarty, Dave Byelich, Jeffrey Brodie, John Goddeeris, Nancy Rhodes, Lalitha Gundamraj, Katherine Dontje

Guest: Cherie Booms

Absent: Gary Stone, Titun Maiti,

The meeting, conducted via Zoom, began at 3:35 pm.

Introduction of Marni Goodwin. Marni replaces Claudia Orlando as scribe for FHCC meeting minutes.

The council was asked to elect a new chairperson. The formal process for nomination was discussed including what, if any, background should be considered. Prior chairpersons have not had a medical background. Tunga Kiyak nominated himself for Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve June and September 2020, minutes and have both sets of minutes posted on the Academic Governance website. Motion passed.

Open Enrollment Update – Open enrollment will continue through October 31, 2020. A report generated the week of October 19 indicated there were approximately 800 faculty who had not completed their spousal affidavit. If the spousal affidavit is not completed prior to October 31, 2020, spouses and/or OIE individuals will be removed from the faculty member’s health plan effective January 1, 2021. Reminders will be sent the week of October 25th.

MSU Radiology Update – Mercer will pull all radiology services in order to give a better analysis of the full picture and overall cost savings. The analysis will be presented to the council in the near future.

A meeting with CVS to discuss prescriptions savings for specialty medications will be scheduled in the near future. Pharmaceutical companies that manufacture specialty medications put money aside to help with advertising and to offset costs and reduce copays for patients. Currently there are approximately 113 faculty at MSU who are using a
specialty medication. If MSU can access the money available from the pharmaceutical company, MSU could potentially see a savings of $600,000. In addition, patients who take advantage of the cost-savings would not pay a copay for their medication. The November FHCC meeting will be focused on a discussion with CVS representatives regarding the specifics of the program. The date of the meeting is yet to be determined.

The council discussed the possibility of changing the monthly occurrence of the FHCC meeting in order to better accommodate everyone’s schedule. Marni will reach out to council members to find mutually agreeable dates/times.

Meeting adjourned 4:25.