

Leadership Council Meeting

March 18, 2025
2:00pm-3:00pm

Attendees:

Brigitte Grant, Chandra Alston, Charlie Snyder, Cindy Russell, Jessica Snowden, Peter Buckley, Raaj Kurapati, Reginald Frye, Steve Alway, Ken Tilashalski, Don Thomason

Ryan Stinnett via (Zoom)

Absent:

Paul Wesolowski, Nicholas Verne, Wendy Likes

Dr. Buckley called the meeting to order 2:00pm central.

Important Updates on Federal Executive Orders and Guidance (Ryan Stinnett)

- Recent federal executive orders and federal agency communications were discussed in the context of signaling a change in our academic environment, requiring us to take stock of our practices. In addition to the NIH issues, we considered a letter and further guidance from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights that require us to assess our environment and ensure that our practices are in compliance with applicable law.
 - We discussed two primary areas, research and non-discrimination.
 - We affirmed that in all matters related to sponsored research and non-discrimination, we will protect our community, uphold academic freedom, and be cognizant of the Social Determinants of Health that impact clinical care and that also form part of our training of tomorrow's workforce, while complying with the law and responding appropriately to guidance from funding agencies and federal offices.

Federal Student Aid (Dr. Cindy Russell)

- The federal financial aid and loan repayment guidelines are rapidly changing. Similar to the federal executive orders and federal agency communications, some changes are more formalized while others are likely. Elizabeth Romagni, Director of Financial Aid, and Charlie Snyder, Vice Chancellor of Student Success, are two of our staff who are closest to different aspects of the rapidly shifting landscape. Please reach out to them with any specific questions and send students to them for the latest information.
 - Please see attached document sent via email to Leadership Council

LeBonheur Visit (Brigitte Grant)

- May 20th (12pm-2pm)
- Dr. Trey Eubanks will host lunch and provide a tour
- If you are unable to attend that day, another day can be arranged

Meeting Adjourn at 3:00pm central

