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Faculty Advisory Committee on the Health Sciences (FACHS) and the Health Sciences Student Consultative Committee (HS SCC) Joint Meeting April 17, 2024 Minutes of the Meeting

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[**In these minutes:** Introduction and Updates on Committee Activities; Changes to UMN Email and Google Workspace]

PRESENT:

FACHS

Robert Jones (co-chair), Brian Sick, Tim Stratton, Jeff Todd

HS SCC

Jonathan Barnes, Eliana Branch, Molly Doyle (co-chair, HS SCC), Annie Lindgren (co-chair, HS SCC), Makayla Maher, Margaret Mattson, Scott Robison, Brian Sick, Melanie Watson

REGRETS/ABSENT:

FACHS

Jessie Barnett, David Jacobs, Barbara McMorris, Pawel Mroz (co-chair), Carolyn Porta, Clifford Steer

HS SCC

Laura Dammer Hess, Dallin Giron, Noor Ibrahim, Rachael Jerebek, Najma Omar

GUESTS: None

1. Introduction and Updates on Committee Activities

Co-Chair Robert Jones, FACHS, called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the joint FACHS and HS SCC meeting. Members from both committees introduced themselves. It was acknowledged that attendance was lower given that it is close to the end of the academic year.

Jones shared what FACHS has been working on this spring, including:

- Discussions with Regents Penny Wheeler and Ruth Johnson regarding their work on the Board of Regents Special Committee on the Future of Academic Health.
- Meeting with Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson and Shashank Priya, Vice President of the Research Innovation Office.

- Finalizing changes to the FACHS Committee Charge.

Molly Doyle, HS SCC co-chair, highlighted HS SCC priorities for this semester:

- Continued discussions on how to support student and faculty mental health.
- CHIP resources.

2. Changes to UMN Email and Google Workspace

A robust discussion occurred regarding upcoming changes to [UMN email and Google Workspace](#) access. Concerns were expressed that, while plans have been underway for some time regarding these access changes, a number of health sciences faculty, students, and staff were not aware of them. It was noted that those who are collaborating on research, whether inside or outside of the University, will lose access to their files. OIT has provided a [timeline](#) for when this access will change.

A resolution was drafted by a student within the health sciences requesting a delay in implementing the proposed changes. Discussion occurred between FACHS and HS SCC members regarding whether to sign on to the resolution. It was decided that FACHS and HS SCC committee members will talk to their colleagues who were not able to attend tonight's meeting to find out whether they would like to take future action.

In the interest of time, the meeting was adjourned.

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