

Report of SVPHS Faculty Senate Meeting 4/5/21

SBUH

The Stony Brook University Hospital continues to be very busy, with census numbers that range between 520-650 in our 624 licensed bed hospital. Over the past month the COVID-19 census has been running from 75-100 patients admitted for complications of COVID-19, with roughly 20% requiring ICU level care. Our overall comparative survival rate continues to be very good for these patients, with roughly half the level of mortality seen in Spring 2020, due to a number of improvements in care, such as new medication protocols and new ICU procedures. However, the pandemic is far from gone from Suffolk County. We continue to be one of the most highly infected regions of the US, with high levels of test positivity, number of hospitalized patients, and clusters of outbreaks.

The Joint Commission reviewed our diabetes care program last week, and having sat in on the site-visitors' evaluation of the program, the exit interview was marked by an incredible listing of very best practices with very few suggestions, not demands, for slight procedural change. All members of the SBUH Diabetes Care Program, led by Dr. Josh Miller, should be very proud of their accomplishments.

RSOM

The Renaissance School of Medicine graduating class of 2021 held a virtual match day in mid-March, with 149 of a record number of 150 graduates matching to some of the best residencies in the nation, only slightly lower than the prior year when a record number 36% of graduates matched to a top 20 residency. The School graduated its first cohort of students enrolled in the new, 3-year medical curriculum, in part accounting for the record number of graduates.

The RSOM curriculum committee received its "report card" from the four classes of students, with very high satisfaction marks from all but the class whose clinical experiential learning was significantly interrupted by the COVID-19 peak in Spring 2020. Overall satisfaction with student medical school experience was at the second highest level recorded in the past decade.

SSW

The School of Social Welfare dean search is in its final phase, with four outstanding candidates being interviewed by senior leaders and faculty of the School, with the final candidate interviewing today and tomorrow. The new dean is expected to be appointed very soon.

SDM

The School of Dental Medicine recently experienced a short hiatus in clinical operations, as a few concerning procedures needed to be updated. The clinic is back in operation, and Dr. David Lam was appointed Associate Dean for Clinical Operations.

SON

The School of Nursing is now accepting applicants for a PhD in nursing, a program launched just three years ago that aims to add depth and breadth to the School's research enterprise by implementing innovative strategies to enhance graduate education and commitment to research

excellence. The program is designed to enhance student and faculty engagement in transformational research that will advance nursing science and improve the health and well-being of the State of New York's increasingly diverse population and beyond.

SHTM

The School of Health Technology and Management Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hosted a series of seminars last month honoring influential women in health care that were well attended by the Stony Brook community as well as those outside of campus.

The SHTM Center for Public Health Education received the Notice of Award on two grants applications submitted to NYS-DOH last March. The School will continue to be funded as a HIV/STI/Viral Hep C training center for Long Island and NYC effective 5/1/21 - 4/31/26. The total award is \$1,155,000 for the 5-year period. A grant entitled the "Peer Certification Academic Center" will also receive \$500,000 over the same 5-year period for their work.

Rasheed Davis, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Physician Assistant Education Program, spoke at the New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislators Caucus. Rasheed was part of the program's panel of experts with a talk focused on Black Maternal Health, a health issue that she is bringing awareness to and very passionate about.

PPH

The Program in Public health is working with the SOMAS to create a dual degree program, yielding BS/MPH in the health effects of climate change. It is hoped that the innovative program will receive campus and SUNY approvals, allowing launch of the program in Fall 2022.

The PPH also learned that its Masters in Healthcare Administration received accreditation from its regulatory body, CAHME, the first accredited masters level-program in healthcare administration in the SUNY system. Having sat in on the final appraisal, there was overwhelming support by the site visitors for the innovation and accomplishments of the curriculum, faculty and students. Dr. Julie Agris and her team are to be congratulated for this accomplishment.