



## University Faculty Council

Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 4:00-5:30 PM

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### ZOOM Information: Connection time 3:55 PM

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**Members:** Jeffrey Mellott (chair), Petrea Cober (vice-chair), Timothy Barreiro, Natalie Bonfine, Stacey Gardner-Buckshaw, Yeong-Renn Chen, Lukas Everly, Sheila Fleming, Alex Galazyuk, Kristen Knepp, Yong Lu, Jennifer McKay, Vahagn Ohanyan, Matthew Smith, Erica Stovsky, Xinwen Wang

**Speaker:** Dean Marc Basson, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., Dean Sorin Teich, D.M.D., M.B.A.

**Administrative Support:** Andrea Coard, Deborah Loyet

4:00 p.m.- 4:05 p.m.	1	<p><b>Welcome</b> <i>Jeff Mellott, Ph.D., Chair, University Faculty Council</i></p>	Dr. Mellott convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. He informed the council members that Drs. Basson and Teich would provide Leadership Reports for their Colleges.
	2	<p>Approve previous UFC minutes <a href="#">06.03.2025</a> <i>(Approved minutes located on <a href="#">NEOMED website</a>)</i></p>	Dr. Galazyuk moved to approve the minutes; Dr. Smith seconded. The minutes were approved by the council members.
	3	<p><a href="#">Executive Management Team Notes</a> <a href="#">Executive Management Team Fall 2025 meeting sign-ups</a></p>	Dr. Mellott informed the council that there are still nine slots available for the EMT meetings and asked members to sign up.
4:05 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	4	<p><b>Leadership Report</b> <i>Dean Marc Basson, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.</i> <i>College of Medicine</i></p>	<p>Dr. Basson provided an update on the College of Medicine. He shared the following presentation:  <a href="#">College of Medicine Presentation</a></p>
4:30 p.m.- 4:50 p.m.	5	<p><b>Leadership Report</b> <i>Dean Sorin Teich, D.M.D, M.B.A.</i> <i>Bitonte College of Dentistry</i></p>	<p>Dr. Teich provided a report on the Bitonte College of Dentistry. He shared the following presentation: <a href="#">Bitonte College of Dentistry Presentation</a></p> <p>Dr. Mellott asked whether the shared faculty will eventually be replaced with permanent faculty in BCOD. NEOMED envisions maintaining core resources</p>

			<p>and hopes the current arrangement continues, as it is important to have the same professors consistently teaching certain subjects. In addition, for the IPE initiative we are working on, it is essential to establish a common foundation.</p> <p>Dr. Everly asked about affiliation agreements. There are affiliation agreements with the College, organized by Dr. Frank Beck. We need to carefully coordinate student rotations to ensure our affiliates are satisfied, while also maintaining consistency across all sites.</p>
4:55 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	6	<p><b>UFC Taskforce for Committee Review (Update)</b> <i>Jeff Mellott, Ph.D., Chair, University Faculty Council</i></p>	<p>Dr. Mellott provided the council members with an update on the work by the UFC Taskforce for Committee Review. He will be submitting the report to Provost next week and will share a copy with the UFC. The Task Force looked at 47 committees to identify if the committees should be retained, merge, or if no longer active.</p>
5:00 p.m.- 5:05 p.m.	7	<p><b>Appendix G – University Standing Committees</b> <a href="#">University Appendix G – University Standing Committees</a> <i>Jeff Mellott, Ph.D., Chair, University Faculty Council</i></p>	<p>Dr. Mellott stated he will send an email tonight or tomorrow morning with instructions for reviewing the University Appendix G. Key points include items related to SB1 and the removal of references to DEI. The UFC is ultimately being asked to endorse the changes. Please send any questions to Drs. Mellott and Cober. He would like this review to be completed within a week. Dr. Mellott will communicate any concerns to the UBC, and an electronic vote will be conducted for endorsement. The changes primarily involve editorial updates, committee adjustments, and reductions in membership in certain places.</p>
5:05 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	8	<p><b>Open Forum and Department updates from Council members</b> <i>Group Discussion</i></p>	<p>Dr. Mellott said his earlier question simply concerned succession planning.</p> <p>Dr. Lu commented that the student body is expanding, while the number of faculty has not increased proportionally. He noted that Ignite Scholars are now being categorized as faculty. Dr. Barreiro commented that NEOMED seems to be delaying faculty recruitment. Dr. Faison mentioned he has not heard about the humanities faculty.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.</p>

### Upcoming Agenda Items

September 2 – Working Meeting

October 7 – Leadership Report – Dr. Rebecca German, VP Research

### Upcoming Faculty Development Opportunities

August 27 – 2-3 p.m. – New Faculty Onboarding. Training Room Topic: Seeking Instructional Design Support (all faculty welcome)

September 9 – 1-2 p.m. - New Faculty Onboarding Training Room: Topic: Learning Center and Writing Center overview (all faculty welcome)

These sessions are incentivized in the Faculty Incentive Plan