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Faculty Affairs Newsletter

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News from the Office of Faculty Affairs

Welcome to our first Faculty Affairs newsletter for 2024!

The past year was a time of growth and development for the Offices of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development. We have created our first Annual Report to share a summary of our activities and data. You will find the Annual Report link in this newsletter as well as on our website.

A goal of our newsletter is to share upcoming faculty events and activities (rather than fill your email inbox). As you read through this edition, please use links provided to fill in the forms to:

- Submit nominations for open slots on Faculty Assembly committees
- Nominate your faculty colleagues for awards
- RSVP to attend our inaugural faculty celebration lunch on May 8th at noon
- Share interest regarding participation in development activities for our female faculty

As always, we take pleasure in sharing updates from our faculty and have several stories of growth and personal success in this edition. We have also had a recent achievement from our Faculty Affairs team – Stephanie Diaz, our Administrative Assistant, graduated in December 2023 with her MBA in Healthcare Administration – congratulations Stephanie!

Please remember to keep us in the loop on your news and upcoming faculty events (contact us

at facultyaffairsoffice@cusm.edu). We look forward to featuring these in the June and October newsletters.

Best wishes,
The Faculty Affairs team

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[Send us an email](#)

University News

New Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon Joins ARMC and CUSM Faculty

The Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) Department of Surgery have recently benefited from the addition of a new vascular and endovascular surgeon Samuel Lee, M.D., who will help to strengthen ARMC's rapidly developing vascular and endovascular surgery service. Dr. Lee is also a newly appointed Assistant Professor of Medical Education at CUSM as of December 2023.

A native of Southern California who grew up in Northridge, Dr. Lee joins Drs. Keith Glover (CUSM Professor) and Samuel Schwartz (CUSM Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of Clinical Curriculum) in ARMC's vascular and endovascular surgery service, which is now over five years old.

Dr. Lee comes to ARMC after completing a five-year integrated vascular surgery residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. He is trained and has experience in the very latest endovascular surgery techniques, including peripheral arterial interventions, transcarotid artery revascularization (TCAR), endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR), thoracic endovascular aneurysm repair (TEVAR), as well as the minimally invasive treatment of venous thromboembolism (DVT/PE).

Dr. Lee earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell in Hempstead, New York and undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



From left to right – Dr. Sam Lee, Dr. Keith Glover, Dr Aldin Malkoc and Dr Sean Hormozian (General Surgery Residents), Brittany York (Interventional Radiology Tech), and Dr Sam Schwartz (who contributed this article and kindly shared his photo of the ARMC team).

Sponsored Projects and Research Administration

Please join us in welcoming Leighsa Washington as our inaugural Executive Director of Sponsored Projects and Research Administration.

Leighsa joins us from the Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute in La Jolla California where she specialized in sponsored research subcontracts. Prior to that, Leighsa spent 15 years in various roles at the University of California Sponsored Research and Projects, including Director of Sponsored Projects at UCR School of Medicine, and Sr. Contract and Grant Officer at UC Irvine School of Medicine. Leighsa will be building the administrative structure for our new Office of Sponsored Projects and Research.



Leighsa is an expert in both pre and post award management and has experience working with a broad range of both governmental and non-governmental funders including the NIH. Leighsa will be reporting up through Educational Operations with a dotted line reporting relationship to Dr. Atamna. Binh Cheng will be joining Leighsa's team and will continue to provide grant support.

The new Sponsored Projects and Research Administration Office is located on the second floor of the CUSM Building down the Anatomy Lab hall past the classrooms on the end right. Sponsored Projects and Research Administration Office (SPRA) has an open door, please come and say hello or set up a meeting time to go over any specific topics.

Leighsa's email is leighsa.washington@cusm.edu and the department email is: SponsoredProjectsandResearchAdministration@cusm.edu.

Faculty Spotlights



Dr David Seigler
ARMC Chair Psychiatry
Assistant Professor, Medical Education

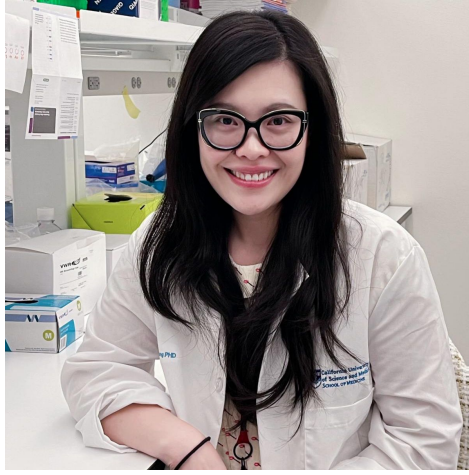
Vice President/President Elect of the Medical Staff of ARMC

Dr David Seigler has been selected to serve as Vice President/President Elect of the Medical Staff of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC).

This role is a two-year commitment that serves alongside the acting president as a liaison between medical staff and hospital leadership. It also involves chairing the Quality Management Committee at ARMC.

Dr. Tom Hall Small Education Grant Award

Dr Ou (Ozzie) Zhang was recently awarded the Dr. Tom Hall Small Education Grant by CUGH (Consortium of Universities for Global Health) for her proposal titled



"Strengthening the One Health Program at Koinadugu College in Sierra Leone."

Dr Zhang is the lead PI of this project, which aims to empower students at Koinadugu College with a comprehensive understanding of the interconnectedness between human, animal, and environmental health. The project will integrate principles of interdisciplinary collaboration, zoonotic disease prevention, and environmental sustainability.

Dr Ou Zhang

*Assistant Program Director for Global Health Equity
Assistant Professor, Medical Education*

Faculty News and Updates

2023 Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development Annual Report

We are pleased to share with you our first Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development Annual Report. If you have questions about the content or suggestions for future activities, please email us (facultyaffairsoffice@cusm.edu OR facultydevelopment@cusm.edu).

To access the Annual Report, click below:

[Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development Annual Report](#)

ANNUAL REPORT

From The Offices of Faculty Affairs
and Faculty and Professional
Development



2023



Timeline and Nominations for Open Committee Slots

Please nominate yourself or your colleagues to join our Faculty Assembly Standing Committees. This is a great way to contribute to the day-to-day running of the school and build your faculty service record. Most committees meet fully online or in a hybrid format. Meeting frequency varies from once per month to weekly depending on the charge. The nomination and selection process is described in the infographic below. Terms are for 3 years and begin in July 2024.

You can learn more about the Committees in our Bylaws:[Click here](#)

A list of Committees with open slots/existing membership is here:[Click here](#)

To access the Committee Nomination Form, click below:

[Committee Nomination Form](#)

Faculty Committee Nomination Process

Step 1:



Call for nominations for available committee slots are now open! Committees with open slots are listed in the form.

Step 2:



Faculty can nominate themselves or a colleague. Nominations will be collected until March 13th.

Step 3:



The faculty nomination committee, consisting of all current committee chairs, will convene during the week of March 18th to select and fill all the open committee slots.

Step 4:



The chair of the FEC will introduce the committee slate to the entire faculty assembly at the Dean's Townhall/Faculty Assembly meeting in early April.

Step 5:



A poll will be sent to the faculty assembly to confirm the slate by April 30th.

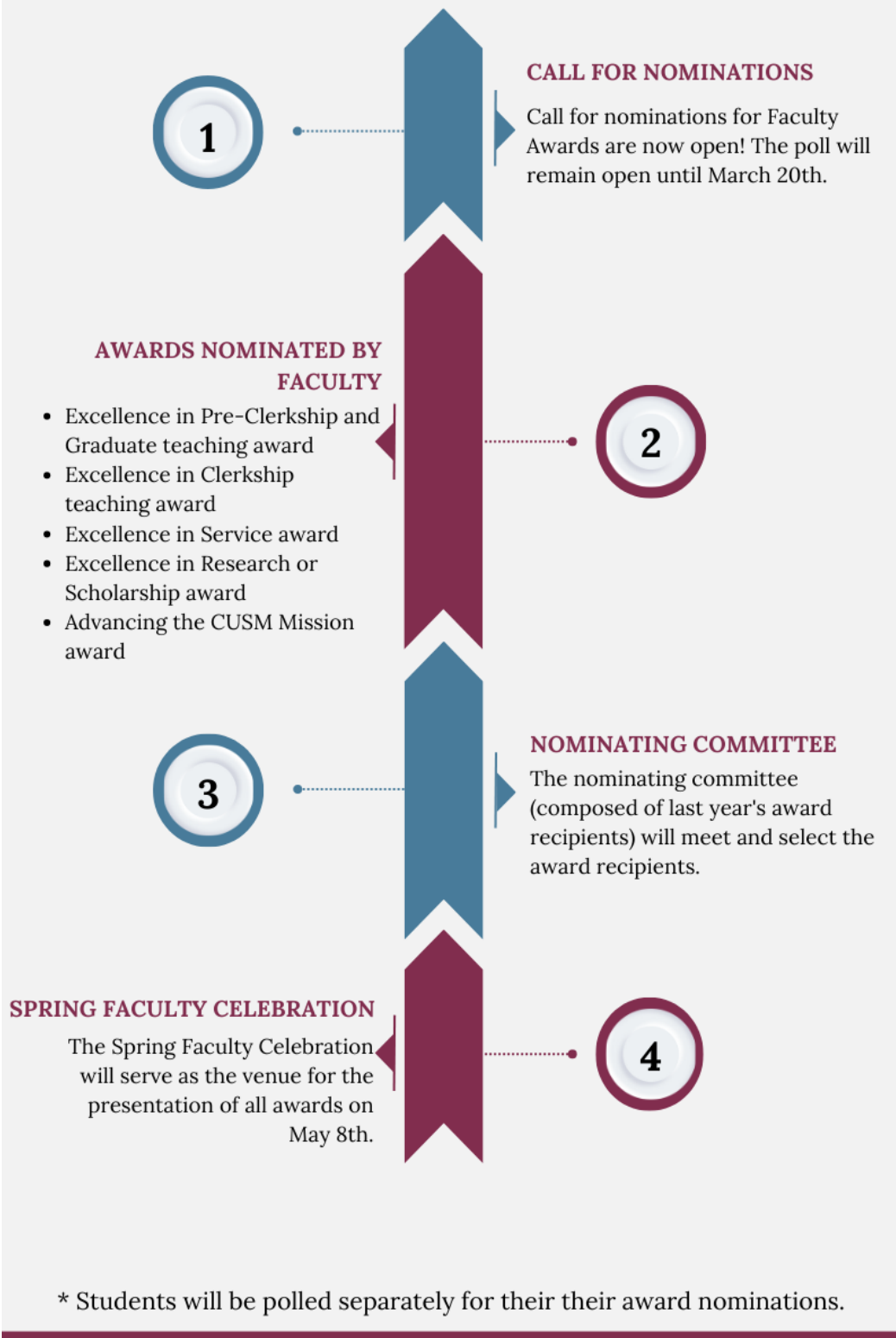
Timeline and Nomination Process for Faculty Awards

We invite you to nominate a colleague for this year's annual faculty awards. The nomination and selection process is described in the infographic below. Please submit your nominations as soon as possible, the poll will remain open until March 20th.

To access the faculty award nomination form, click below:

[Award Nomination Form](#)

Faculty Award Process



Spring Faculty Celebration

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM at the CUSM Building

SPRING FACULTY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY 08 MAY

Lecture Halls 123 & 125 | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Save the date and plan to join us as we celebrate our faculty's year-round dedication and contributions. During this event we will present faculty awards and recognize leadership on faculty assembly committees and promotions. Additionally, we will be offering faculty headshot photos one hour before and after the event.

[Submit your RSVP](#)

Faculty Development

Faculty Teaching Peer Review Program

The Office of Faculty Development created a research-based formative peer review program designed for faculty who wish to examine a component of their own teaching practice and submit it to voluntary and formative peer review for their own growth and professional development.

Sign up by contacting any member of our office staff, or visit our [Teaching Peer Review Program SharePoint](#) page for further information. Information for this program will be available on the CUSM website in March 2024.

Please contact Jonathan Townsend (jonathan.townsend@cusm.edu) or Luke Ridout (luke.ridout@cusm.edu) for questions.

Women's Faculty Group

The Faculty Affairs Office is developing activities to support our female faculty. We plan to create events for all our female faculty - at our building and clinical sites. Please fill in this survey so we can learn more about what would be of interest.

To access the Women's Faculty Group Survey, click below.

[Women's Faculty Group Survey](#)

Upcoming Events

CUSM/ARMC 6th Annual Research and Scholarly Activities Symposium

Friday, April 12th | 7:30 AM-3:30 PM | Lecture Halls 123 & 125

The submission deadline for the abstract is Monday, March 4th, 2024. To submit an abstract, click below.

Dean's Townhall & Faculty Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, April 16th | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM | Lecture Hall 125

To submit questions for the Dean's Townhall, click below.

Townhall/Faculty Assembly Survey

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