**McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston Faculty Senate**

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm with a quorum of members present (80 participants on zoom).

2. Housekeeping

• Attendance rules (attend a minimum of 60% of the monthly meetings) were reviewed.

• Dial-in attendees must email Valerie Guerrero with their call-in number for proper identification. • Please remain muted unless speaking, and the chat will be monitored for questions.

• If you anticipate an absence, reach out to Valerie Guerrero to excuse it.

3. Approval of Minutes - May 2024

There were no corrections to the minutes from the previous meetings, so they were accepted as written.

4. New Business

* Nominations for Interfaculty Council and Faculty Senate Positions were presented by Dr. Summer Ott, Faculty Senate Chair
  + Drs. Barbara Orlando and Amber Campbell have been nominated for Chair-elect and Secretary-elect, respectively. Their terms will start 9/1/2024.
  + Four senators received nominations to fill the three IFC positions. Those senators are Dr. Harnoor Singh, Dr. Julie Gutierrez, Dr. Lokesh Shahani, and Dr. Gurur Biliciler-Denktas.
  + A ballot will be sent out to the senators shortly.
* Graduate Medical Education Committee Update and Annual Institutional Review by Dr. Pamela Promecene, GME Committee Chair, ACGME Designated Institutional Official, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education
  + The Graduate Medical Education Committee oversees all programs in graduate medical education sponsored by the Medical School. There are 88 GME programs at UTHealth Houston (28 residency and 60 fellowship), serving 1303 residents and fellows. There has been steady growth in the ACGME program.
* This past December there was an ACGME CLER site visit that had 6 focus areas. This was not an accreditation site visit; a site visit report was received and a response was produced in January 2024. The next CLER visit will be in 2-3 years.
* Resident (92% participation) and Faculty (87% participation) surveys were also conducted this year with the results at or exceeding national averages in almost all categories.
* GME action plan items for 2023-24 included well-being initiatives, such as a well-being supplement and the new fitness center. GME policies have also been updated and can now host non-standard training programs. Office turnover in the GME was noted and there is now a new liaison. GME Innovations included adopting Thalamus for residency interviews and program management, a new medical Spanish course and the GME website redesign.
* UTHealth Houston Update by Dr. Giuseppe Colasurdo, President and Alkek–Williams Distinguished Chair, UTHealth Houston
* Dr. Colasurdo gave a UTHealth Houston update. Currently there are ~21,000 employees including students and trainees. UTHealth Houston makes up 37% of all UT System health institution students and ranks #6 in the nation for best teaching hospitals. Barely 10% of the $2.4B budget comes from the state ($248.9M), but this is the 29th year in a row that UTHealth Houston is in the black. UTHealth Houston receives ~$400M in research funding, the bulk through the medical school.
* Currently there are ~5000 students in 6 (soon to be 7) schools at UTHealth Houston. Our new school will focus on behavioral health and offer 35 degree programs in the next 24 months, with the goal of being the largest program in the country. All 6 schools are highly ranked nationally. MMS departments are all ranked in the top 4 in Texas, with 6 departments ranked in the top 20 nationally (BRIMR). Focus continues to be on bringing in good people.
* Strategic initiatives were discussed. The Jesse Jones Library building was purchased for when the medical school would be knocked down and rebuilt. Current plans have 10-15K sq ft for residents and fellows, as well as more space for students. The development of the south campus for an inpatient specialty tower in conjunction with MHH was also discussed.
* Professional revenue from the group practices grew from $1.3B to $2.7B in gross charges. Plans to purchase the Bellaire building and redevelop it were discussed. The partnership with Harris Health for the new LBJ hospital ($1.6B) was discussed. It is estimated to be 4 years away from completion. Strategic initiatives at the mid campus (including TMC3) include a new School of Public Health to open in summer 20226, with the old building becoming available for redevelopment.
* The Many Faces of UTHealth program raised $535M in 7 years, and a new consulting agreement was mentioned to start the 2nd phase of the program to raise $750M-$1B.
* Dr. Colasurdo also stated that the decrease in state funding percentages is not unique to Texas and that medical schools must have a group practice to survive now.

5. Announcements

* MMS Women Faculty Forum is accepting nominations from basic science and clinical faculty for membership; please visit their webpage for more information about the council: <https://med.uth.edu/wff/>

* Online resources for SB17 compliance:

<https://inside.uth.edu/inside/campusnotes.htm?cid=feccef4e-9130-4c0b-9f3e4586075102e4&issue=1451&pubid=1ce822d5-8c11-4bea-95c1-cc0cbadd8507>

* Next meeting: July 18, 2024, at 4:30 pm, no meeting in August

6. Adjournment time: 5:41 pm