**UTHealth McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate**

**Minutes**

Thursday, February 16, 2023 ∣ 4:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order: 4:30pm
2. Housekeeping
3. Approval of Minutes - January 2023

4. Reports

1. Faculty Affairs Update – Dr. Kevin Morano, Senior Vice President, Academic and Faculty Affairs, and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, McGovern Medical School
   1. McGovern Medical School is ready to launch the search for a new Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs
   2. Legislative appropriation season is underway. UT Health Houston leadership met with the Senate Finance Committee. Texas has a $33 billion surplus; we are lobbying for funding of, for example: 1) an increase in formula funding with other Health Related Institutions, which means more funding for each student we educate; 2) an increase to our Mission-specific formula, which is a reward for growth in research funding; and 3) $21 million for our new School of Behavioral Health Sciences.
   3. Questions:
      1. Controversies about tenure in Texas: all of our boards are in support of Tenure; we annually evaluate tenured and non-tenured Faculty, and we do post tenure reviews every 6 years.
      2. Controversies regarding Diversity driven recruitment: the institution has unwavering dedication to diversity and inclusion, but we need to be attentive to what is going on in the legislature. We will be waiting for a clear mandate from the University.
2. Interfaculty Council Update – Dr. Summer Ott, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect

Deborah Lake from Public Affairs made a presentation - Highlights of UT Health Houston Media Relations

1. Forward media inquiries to Media Relations team
2. Patient stories – Refer to the media relations team; first need a signed consent from the patient
3. Media training is important and available

5. New Business

a. MMS Quality Initiatives - Dr. Bela Patel, Vice Dean for Healthcare Quality and Graham

Distinguished University Chair.

* Vice Chair of Quality in most departments and Quality leaders in divisions
* Vizient is a focus for quality benchmark assessment at Memorial Hermann (98% of academic institutions share all their data with Vizient):
  + Benchmark data are improving, based on improvement in coding of information
  + Last year we were #9 of 107 institutions - Historical overall ranking in the top 10% of academic medical centers.
  + Transformation Hub – joint with Memorial Hermann – multi-disciplinary group including 4 Master Black belts. UT Health Houston Innovation team including McGovern Medical School, School of Public Health and School of Biomedical Informatics
  + Rank performance yearly, and also assess length of stay
  + 2022: We ranked high in areas of Mortality, Efficiency, Effectiveness, Safety. Overall ranked #6
  + Questions: Outpatient quality measures-- to be addressed in the future as there are ongoing revisions to the metrics. Headed by Dr. Tom Murphy and Dr. Eric Thomas.

1. Turkey-Syria earthquake and ongoing relief efforts - Gurur Biliciler-Denktas, MD, FACC, FASE, Professor of Pediatrics
   * 1. 10 cities in Turkey/Syria affected, 13.5 million people involved. 36,187 deaths as of today.
     2. How to donate: the University does not endorse any particular organization, but Dr. Biliciler-Denktas’ suggestions are:

Bridge to Turkiye: <https://bridgetoturkiye.org/>

<https://donate.tpfund.org/campaign/tpf-turkiye-earthquake/c465112>

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c. Grateful Patient and Family Program – Cathy White, Director, Grateful Patient and Family Program

* Partnering with the Office of Development –
* Why: Philanthropy provides funding to improve and grow critically needed programs in research, patient care, education and training
* Money is primarily raised for academic chairs, research, fellowships for UT Health Houston; not typically for salaries, equipment or operations expenses
* Funds are patient centric – you will need to provide a lot of information to raise funds for specific ideas
* Annual giving and alumni engagement – engage prospective donors through emails, postcards, letters, giving days, and social media
* Steps if you need funding: 1) Brief overview of project, 2) Need approval from your division lead, 3) Budget, 4) Impact, 5) Is the project sustainable, 6) Do you have any existing funding. If you have any prospective donors inform the Office of Development
* All donations have to go through the Office of Development – contact Cathy White

d. Data Storage Resources - Connie Wooldridge, Associate Vice President of Administration & Academic Technology; Emily Wells, Asst Director of Enterprise Campus Application and Academic Technology; Tony Murry, Director of Data Center Operations-IT Infrastructure; Amy Lanier, Principal Application Systems Specialist

* Upcoming changes impacting UT Health Houston – Share storage
* Google is now “google workspace for education”– there will now be storage capacity limits.
* User training to focus on collaboration, education and faculty support – research faculty to assist in other storage options.
* Storage limit will decrease from 602TB to 232 TB by 1/1/2024
* Working with cloud teams and faculty on how to remain within these storage boundaries
* Changes: 1) Shared drives: will now be part of online request process and 2)

Storage quotas: Students – 5 GB, Faculty/Staff: 10GB; faculty/staff may have exceptions

* Other existing storage - One Drive (1TB), Microsoft teams: 25 TB – more for teams collaborations, Research solutions– cloud solutions (Cloudsolutionsteam@uth.tmc.edu) consult for customized data storage
* TACC – Texas Advanced Computing Center – Out of UT Health Houston
* Lab archives – by the Office of Research, an electronic lab notebook 1TB
* Outreach Plan (Spring Cleaning) begins March 2023 – there will be a lot of user outreach to educate regarding extraction of data and appropriate storage. There will be 1:1 sessions, training sessions online and in-person, brown bags, etc. Deadline is: 12/31/2023.

6. Announcements

* Office of Diversity and Inclusion 2023 Diversity and Equity Speaker Series - *What is measured, is changed: Who are we considering in biomedical engineering?* Erika Moore, PhD, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering at the University of Florida. Noon Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023 via Zoom. <https://uthealth.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DYKbIvpqQqunXo5eiZj05g>
* Health Equity Week – Feb 20 – 23, 2023. First event is the Panel Discussion of the post screening of “The Color of Care” a discussion of inequities in America.

7. Adjournment: 5:41pm

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:30 PM**

Dr. Georgene Hergenroeder – Chair

Dr. Summer Ott – Chair-Elect

Dr. Simbo Chiadika – Secretary

Kathryn Leal, MS, CGC – Secretary-Elect

Dr. Nahid Rianon – 2021-2022 Past-Chair

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