# UTHealth McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate

Thursday, March 17, 2022 ∣ 4:30 pm WebEx Meeting

# AGENDA

1. Introduction
	1. Call to Order at 4:30pm
	2. Housekeeping reminders
2. Approval of Minutes – February 2022, minutes approved as submitted
3. Reports
	1. Dr. Richard Andrassy-
		* + Update for BlueCross/Blue Shield negotiations with Memorial Hermann System: It was never about UT Physicians, now resolved.
			+ DSRIP (Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment) and NAIP (Network Access improvement Program)- These programs are ending this fiscal year, which will have a significant effect on the practice plan’s budget. Discussions are ongoing, with updates hoped for by March 24th, on a potential program between the federal government and the State of Texas that may partially replace the DSRIP/NAIP programs.
			+ Dean Search- still in progress
			+ Dr. Blackburn retiring in June 2022
			+ Match Day: 3/18/2022
			+ LCME visit: May 23-25, 2022
	2. COVID-19 Update – Dr. Robert Emery
		* + CDC categories based on Community Level, percent of beds, and hospital surge capacity
			+ Based on this algorithm, Harris County is now in the low risk category
	3. Dr. Ambrose – COC (Committee on Committees) MMS Faculty Senate Update
		* + COC is looking for 2 new members from the Faculty Senate
			+ Nominations are open now and end April, 28, 2022
			+ Electronic voting for these 2 positions from May 9-16, 2022
			+ COC meets twice for 1.5-2 hrs. (late-May to mid-June)
			+ Each faculty will receive Faculty Interest Form on April 2. Rank top 3 choices; justification for appointment requests are required.
4. Old Business
	1. Mental Health Support Taskforce – Drs. Stacy Norrell & Nahid Rianon
		* + Goals are to bring a speaker from the Texas Medical Board to address UTHealth Houston regarding any possible implications of self-reporting treatment for mental health conditions
			+ Plan to record this presentation and make it available to all faculty on UT Wellness website
			+ Work on Memorial Hermann’s Lilac Team to ensure access to an emergency helpline for peer-to-peer support, with training provided.
			+ Engage the department chairs in ensuring that all departments keep wellness and resilience at the forefront of their efforts.
			+ UTHealth Mobile App with mental health/wellness resources now on first page of Faculty Affairs website https://med.uth.edu/administration
5. Announcement: – Women’s History Month – Women faculty are featured on UTHealth Houston website. Scoop has the link to this as well.
6. Adjournment: 5:02pm

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 21, at 4:30 PM**

Dr. Nahid Rianon – Chair

Dr. Georgene Hergenroeder – Chair-Elect Dr. Renee Flores – Secretary

Dr. Olasimbo Chiadika – Secretary-Elect Dr. Catherine Ambrose – 2020-2021 Past-Chair

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