**McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston**

**Faculty Senate**

Thursday, July 20, 2023

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order : 4:32PM

1. Housekeeping

1. Approval of Minutes - June 2023

1. Reports

a. Interfaculty Council Update – Dr. Summer Ott, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect

Dr. Ott provided a report from the June 21, 2023 IFC meeting. At the IFC meeting Dr. Cain notified the Council that the recipients of the President’s Scholar Award would be selected soon. She indicated that the University guidance regarding the recently passed bill on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is pending.

Legislative Updates were provided by Dr. Harrington on the following,

* SB 16 (academic freedom) <https://legiscan.com/TX/bill/SB16/2023>
* SB 17 (DEI) <https://legiscan.com/TX/bill/SB17/2023>
* SB 18 (tenure) https://legiscan.com/TX/bill/SB18/2023

The IFC Bylaws subcommittee requested IFC members’ input on the following issues,

* Item 1-Maxium number of representatives
* Item 2-Formula for the number of representatives
* Item 3-Council Member Participation

The IFC Chair requested nominations for the FY24 IFC Chair-Elect.

5. New Business

a. Graduate Medical Education Annual Institutional Review - Dr Pamela Promecene-Cook, Assistant Dean, Graduate Medical Education-Chair, ACGME Designated Institutional Official

McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston has 82 ACGME accredited programs – 25 residency and 57 fellowship programs. Additionally, the Texas Medical Board (TMB) approved 65 fellowship programs and there are 18 fellowship programs accredited by other agencies. In total there are 1259 residents and fellows (Males: 663; Females 596; White: 509 Asian/Indian: 483, Hispanic: 145, Black: 93, Native American: 22, Other: 7)

Most of our funding comes from MHHS- TMC.

Performance Indicators include the following:

* + ACGME institutional Letter of Notification (LON) and citations
  + January 23, 2023 – continued accreditation, no citations.
  + Program Letters of Notification

* + Program citations
  + ACGME Resident/fellow survey and Faculty Surveys
  + Annual Program Evaluations (APEs)
  + Special Program Reviews

Summary of action plan items – special projects include the following

* + Major projects

-- GME office expansion and turnover – hired new positions

-- Taking in displaced GME trainees – 6 last year, 4 additional starting July

2023

-- GME website update and redesign

* + GME initiatives
  + Accreditation (Nonstandard Training Programs (NST) recognition, scope of practice documents and new program directors mentor group)
  + Clinical Learning Environment (implementation of “Enhanced FMLA”, improved needlestick process and information and updated GME anonymous complaint form)

* + GME well-being initiatives
  + Worked with school leadership to advocate for on-site fitness center (expected completion in spring 2024)
  + Hosted “Psychologic First Aid” with EAP for upcoming chief residents
  + Relocated work space and lounge space at MHH-TMC
  + Assisted with planning of GME workspace at new LBJ Hospital

• GME Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

* GME House staff council diversity representative
* GME DEI open house
* Chapter member activities
* AAMC holistic application review workshop

* + New this year:
  + Visiting student scholarships for MS4
  + GME Task Forces
  + Learner assessment and program improvement
  + Professionalism
  + Policy Updates
  + Faculty Development and Scholarly Activity
  + Diversity and Well-Being

b. 2023-24 Faculty Senate Chair-Elect and Secretary-Elect Election

Congratulations to our new officers -

* + **Chair-Elect: Erin Fox, PhD**. Associate Professor, Department of Surgery
  + **Secretary-Elect: Matthew Baker, PhD**. Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

1. Announcements
   * 1. McGovern Medical School – first day of classes for the Fall semester Monday, August 7, 2023 https://www.uth.edu/registrar/calendars/medical-calendar-2023-2024.htm

* + 1. UTHealth Houston Office for Faculty Affairs and Development inaugural Distinguished Speaker Series presents Dr Jagat Narula, MD PhD, *Academic Health Care Centers, Faculty Involvement, and Research Collaboration: Bringing Science and Society Closer Together.* 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Beth Robertson Auditorium in the Fayez S. and Susan K. Sarofim Research Building, 1825 Pressler St

* + 1. Peter Dunn, will present *Accelerating Finances for Retirement* from 12 - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

* + 1. HOOP Policy # 230 Employees working outside of the State of Texas – updated June 2023. This policy describes guidelines and exception approval processes for employees to work outside Texas [https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=7dd6ef71-d2bb-4ae6-81774d2582016f3e](https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=7dd6ef71-d2bb-4ae6-8177-4d2582016f3e)

* + 1. UTHealth Houston Benefits Annual Enrollment period July 15-31, 2023

1. Adjournment : 5:02 PM

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 17, 2023 at**

**4:30PM**

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