

Minutes of the McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate
Thursday, August 20, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
WEBEX Meeting

Dr. Parks brought the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting were approved via WebEx at 4:37pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Honored time for Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs Dr. Kevin Morano

Regents Outstanding Teaching Award Recipients: Dr. Toy and Dr. Frost.
The President's Scholar Award Ceremony cannot take place in person secondary to COVID 19. We would like to congratulate Dr. Butler, Dr. Mayes and Dr. Patel for this impressive accomplishment.

The deadline for Promotion and Tenure applications for this year is September 1, 2020. We are expecting approximately 90 applications. If you interested in discussing career planning, Dr. Morano is accepting appointments for FY 21.

Transition of Chair

Kenya Maria Parks, MD, MS, FAAP, Community & General Pediatrics

Dr. Parks welcomes the FY 21 Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Catherine Ambrose.

Continuing Medical Education Committee Annual Presentation

Zi Yang Jiang, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology – Chair

The Continuing Medical Education Committee reports that there has been a reduction in the number of CME events this year secondary to COVID-19. The total number of participants, however, has increased.

Dr. Stoll approved the creation of a UHealth CME Office. This is a year-long process. We have already submitted a Confirmation of Intent. We will have a site visit in February – March 2021. If all goes according to plan, we should have our own CME office by the summer of 2021.

Question: Who will supervise this office?

Answer: The CME committee under the direction of the Office of Educational Programs. A CME Director will be appointed.

Curriculum Committee Annual Presentation

Philip R. Orlander, M.D., Division Director, Professor, Vice-Chair, Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism – Chair

Len Cleary, Ph.D., Professor, Research, Neurobiology & Anatomy – Vice Chair

The LCME virtual site visit occurred June 22-23. The items the visitors concentrated on were the learning environment, professionalism, and student mistreatment. There were questions regarding academic/career advising and inpatient/outpatient experiences. Virtual visits with students, Dr. Andrassy, and Dr. Love are scheduled for August 25th 2020. An informal report will be released the following week, and a final report is expected in February.

Currently the MS1 year is divided into video recordings, online web conferences and on-campus classes (Doctoring 1 Clinical Skills and Anatomy Lab). There are also online office hours being offered.

The MS2 students have the same three class formats. Doctoring 3 is now Pass/Fail.

There are ongoing curriculum adjustments. We are trying to condense the live Webex sessions. The MS3 year has been condensed. There are no electives currently offered; nor is a geriatric clerkship being offered. Ward assignments have been adjusted to reduce the number of learners on each team.

All interviews for Residency and Fellowships will be virtual.

There are no away electives for 4th year electives.

Announcements

a. Babatope (Tope) Fatuyi, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Information Officer

Transition to EPIC-EMR monthly update

We are moving from the configuration to the readiness phase. The current focus is on quality, integration and user friendliness. The plan is to train personnel from March through May 2021 and to go live in May 2021.

Faculty can view the current changes to EPIC on the UTHealth Connect website that can be accessed via the intranet.

Questions/Comments: Is there any planning to allow patients to pre-fill forms on EPIC prior to their arrival, rather than scanning the forms into the EMR?

Answer: Yes, this is being fine-tuned currently. This will be accessible via the patient portal.

b. Vanessa Schick, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Division of Management, Policy and Community Health, UTHealth School of Public Health

J'Qualin Williams, Ph.D., Research Coordinator I, UTHealth School of Public Health

Community Engagement Programs Through the CCTS

The Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences has several community engagement initiatives. There is interest at the local and national level to support community-engaged research. There are:

1. Evidence Based Practice Retreats (Brandy.Friendly@uth.tmc.edu)
2. Community Scientist Program (scrussell@mdanderson.org)
3. Dissemination and Implementation Workshop (Rikki.ward@uth.tmc.edu) Applications are due 8/21/2020
4. CHIRP Fellowship

c. Elaheh Ashtari, M.D.

UT Health Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce

The goal is to promote a more inclusive environment for students and faculty. The finalized recommendations will be presented to the University in October.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Next meeting September 17, 2020, 4:30pm

Dr. Kenya Maria Parks – Chair
Dr. Catherine Ambrose-Chair-Elect
Dr. Rhashedah A. Ekeoduru – Secretary
Dr. Zi Yang Jiang-Secretary-Elect
Dr. Nathan Carlin – 2018-2019 Past-Chair

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