

# UTHealth McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate

Thursday, May 20, 2021 | 4:30 pm

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## Minutes

*Pending Faculty Senate approval*

1. Call to Order at 4:30PM
2. Approval of Minutes (April 2021) – done by acclamation
3. Reports (15 minutes)
  - a. Dr. Michael Blackburn’s report
    - i. Dean search
      1. 3 finalists identified and have been invited for interviews onsite with key leaders
        - a. Candidates should finish first interviews by early June
        - b. Candidates may be invited back for more than one interview
      - ii. COVID changes – President’s office is revisiting policies regarding travel, events, and classrooms as new information is received from the CDC and the governor’s office
        1. Official functions form is important for events to be captured so please fill one out if you want to have an event
4. Faculty Affairs Update - Dr. Kevin Morano
  - a. LabArchives is live: electronic lab notebooks webinars have been recorded and are available on the university’s labarchive site
  - b. <https://www.uth.edu/research/labarchives/about>
5. Interfaculty Council – Dr. Catherine Ambrose
  - a. IFC updates: We had a presentation by the MMS Women Faculty Forum. There was much discussion about how this could be expanded to other schools in UTHealth.
6. Old Business (5 minutes)
7. Mentoring Taskforce – Dr. Nahid Rianon

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- a. Faculty Senate survey 2021 – majority mentioned need for information on promotion and tenure pathway
  - b. IFC 2020 survey – similar results
  - c. Structural outline of the program
    - i. Mentors at both senior and medium levels (with diverse background)
    - ii. Mentees from various specialties
    - iii. Meeting Frequency (once a month or as decided by the team)
    - iv. Will develop a pre and post survey
    - v. Potential start date of 09/01/2021
8. New Business (40 minutes)
- a. EPIC Update – Dr. Babatope Fatuyi
    - i. Go-Live Stats
      1. 4138 tickets opened -> 2630 tickets have been resolved
      2. 10,000 MYUTHealth (patient portal) enrolled
      3. 116,114 records shared with trading partners via CareEverywhere
      4. There are over 1000 in-person support personnel
    - ii. Training stats
      1. 11,259 courses
      2. 95 unique courses
      3. 36 physician trainers taught 57 classes totaling 628 hours
      4. 14 is the most classes taught by Dr Filemon Tan alone
    - iii. Charges Stats
      1. \$18.2 million total charges thus far from EPIC production, Haiku/Canto/Care4 charge pathways
      2. Dr Jiang submitted the first Haiku charge in EPIC on 05/08 at 10:19AM
    - iv. Future EHR Governance to be implemented in July 2021
    - v. Average waiting times are 30 minutes after the patient checks in
      1. Goal is to make this number better
    - vi. 7/10 physicians on average are closing encounters on the same day; this will be continuously monitored
    - vii. Question from Dr. Morano: What was the biggest challenge(s)?
      1. Third party interface technology issues
      2. Information overload from Memorial Hermann
    - viii. Question from Dr. McBeth: Issues with transmitting orders to Memorial Hermann and Quest

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1. Please email Dr. Fatuyi ticket numbers for problems that need to be prioritized
- ix. Question from Dr. Perez: How long will be superusers be available?
  1. 80% are internal and 20% are external
  2. The 20% will stay until 05/21/21
- b. Annual Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Dr. Wade McAlister
  - i. Diversity Mission: “We are deeply committed to fostering a diverse, culturally rich and inclusive environment where opportunities for collaboration and innovation are limitless. McGovern Medical School subscribes to a broad concept of diversity which includes widely divergent life experiences as well as traditional association with race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, cultural orientation, disability, military service, religious beliefs, national origin, and other distinctive immutable and mutable characteristics. We are steadfast in our commitment to cultivating a physician workforce that is equipped to meet the evolving healthcare needs of all Texans and all those living in our greater community.”
  - ii. 3 Goals of 1) welcoming environment, 2) recruitment, 3) support and development
  - iii. Currently in data gathering phase from student affairs, GME office and faculty affairs
    1. Biannual diversity climate surveys are done every 2 years and there has been a drop in response rate
      - a. 800+ in 2016 to 700 in 2018 to ~500 in 2020
  - iv. Explorations into Regents Rule 40304 - Institutional proposal whether to use race or ethnicity as part of admissions or financial assistance policies as long as race neutral efforts have been used without desired results
    1. If approved, review every five years by Board of Regents
  - v. Mentoring encouraged for all members of the institution
- c. Annual Report of the Graduate Student Education Committee (GSEC) – Dr. Rachel Miller
  - i. Previous activities
    1. Research poster competition on March 2, virtual event
    2. Dean’s Research Scholarship awards for research distinction (6 awardees in 2020, \$1500-\$3000)

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3. Graduate Program Support (\$11,000 to biochemistry/molecular biology (BMB), microbiology/infectious disease (MID), and neurosciences)
  4. Travel Awards for Conference Presentations (\$750)
  5. Grant submission bonuses (\$250 to BMB, MID, and neurosciences)
  - ii. Graduate students COVID-19 support survey
    1. GSEC Visibility: website and social media to increase visibility
    2. Career speakers/roundtable discussions created
    3. Student research symposium ongoing
    4. Trainee virtual groups ongoing
    5. Parking Assistance with funds traditionally used for travel awards
    6. Laptop Loan program started
  - iii. GSEC chair is now elected (1 year term), open to faculty members who have served at least 1 year on GSEC.
    1. Previously, it was a rotation among the directors of the UTH graduate school programs
9. Election for Committee on Committees representatives from Faculty Senate.
- a. We currently have 3 openings to fill (2 three-year terms and 1 one-year term) by June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Please send nominations (self-nominations or nominations of others) with a bio-sketch to the executive committee by May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Elections will be done May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>
10. Announcements
- a. To accurately track attendance according to the Bylaws, we need to know your phone number if you are dialing in. Please email your phone number to Valerie Guerrero. Additionally, if you are logging in using an MHH computer or other outside computer, you may have to email us the “name” of that computer as registered in the WebEx attendee listing. Thank you for your assistance.
11. Adjournment: 5:28PM

**Next meeting, Thursday, June 17, 2021, 4:30 PM**

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