

# UTHealth McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate

Thursday, June 17, 2021 | 4:30 pm

WEBEX Meeting

## Minutes

*Pending Faculty Senate approval*

1. Call to Order at 4:35PM
2. Approval of Minutes (May 2021) – approved by acclamation
3. Reports (15 minutes)
  - a. Medical School Updates – Dr. Richard Andrassy
    - i. LCME virtual visit upcoming on July 13/14
      1. Live visit planned for 2022
    - ii. New chairs at the medical school
      1. Tony Estrera accepted chair of CV surgery
      2. Ophthalmology is now fully in the medical school (Tim McCulley will be the new chair in the fall)
      3. Pathology chair search in progress
    - iii. In person meetings (grand rounds, etc.) are approved for the fall with virtual options as the medical school continues to monitor COVID
    - iv. EPIC transition is ongoing and no important events to report currently
    - v. We are expanding (more faculty coming in the fall) into some of the floors of the AT&T building for increased clinical space
    - vi. Memorial Hermann Contract being negotiated between Memorial Hermann leadership and Dr. Colasurdo’s office. Signs are good. Looking at ways to grow and collaborate.
  - b. Research and UTHealth Academic Office Update - Dr. Michael Blackburn
    - i. Dean search
      1. Finalists are visiting the campus
      2. Still an open search
    - ii. COVID status
      1. Overall decrease of cases in our community
      2. 0 recent cases across UTHealth community (faculty, staff, employees, students)
        - a. Over 92% vaccinated
      3. Overall ease of masking/social distancing guidelines along with travel restrictions
  - c. Faculty Affairs Update - Dr. Kevin Morano
    - i. Reminder to check your emails for announcement from the President’s office (attachment 1)
    - ii. Promotion deadline 09/01/2021 coming up

- iii. Tenure track extensions are an option if you were impacted by COVID. Talk to your chair as well as Dr Morano. There is an upcoming deadline for requesting these extensions.
  - d. Interfaculty Council – Dr. Syed Hashmi
    - i. This item was not presented and deferred for a future date.
- 4. Old Business (5 minutes) –
  - a. Mentoring Taskforce – Dr. Nahid Rianon
    - i. Mentoring and Promotional Program (MAPP) is the official name of the program that will launch on September 1.
- 5. New Business (40 minutes)
  - a. Dr. Soham Roy – update on from McGovern Medical School Student Affairs
    - i. Residency match results 2020
      1. 236 graduating seniors participated in the NRMP
      2. 57% will stay in Texas for the first year of the postgraduate training
      3. 24% matched to McGovern
      4. 37% matched to primary care
      5. 17 students were unmatched
      6. 2 students matched to PGY2 but not PGY 1 Year
      7. After SOAP, 3 students remained unmatched
    - ii. Residency match results 2021 (see attachment 2)
      1. 234 graduating seniors
      2. 55% will stay in Texas
      3. 29% matched to McGovern
      4. 66% matched into primary care
      5. 23 students unmatched
      6. 2 matched to PGY 1 but not PGY2
      7. After SOAP, 4 remained unmatched
        - a. 1 decided to pursue research year
        - b. 1 decided to pursue a different career
        - c. Remainder 2 did not disclose their plans
    - iii. Trends (categories) of those who do not match
      1. High performing students entering highly competitive fields (Ortho, ENT, Ophthalmology, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery)
      2. Students with unrealistic expectations based on their competitiveness
      3. Students waving at us (red flags: failed step 1 or 2, failed clerkships/classes)
    - iv. Changes nationally
      1. Increasing numbers of graduating students each year without a corresponding increase in residency positions
      2. Medical school becoming more like a pyramidal program rather than a guarantee of a career
      3. USMLE Step 1 goes to Pass-Fail this year
      4. Students will have to find increasingly creative ways to differentiate themselves
        - a. Step 2 scores
        - b. Research/Scholarly Activity

- c. Community Service
    - d. AOA
  - 5. New initiatives from Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
    - a. Regular meetings with MSIV advisors from each department
    - b. Early identification of potentially at risk-students
    - c. Increased emphasis on early coaching, application, CV preparation, interview skills starting in MSIII year
- b. UTPB Garage Safety
  - Presenters: Chief Bill Adcox, UTP-H; Executive Director Ray Gerwitz, UTP-H; and Charlie Figari, Vice President and Chief Auxiliary Enterprises Officer, UTHHealth
  - - i. Incident: June 11, 2021, UCT building break-in, burglary of cash from the RG Grill
    - ii. Incident: June 09, 2021, attempted theft of motor vehicle in the UTPB Garage, no suspects thus far
    - iii. Incident: May 07, 2021, MHH employee approached car and found someone inside. Victim fled but was caught down the road
    - iv. Incident: March 28, 2021, employee of UTHHealth was followed to her car by ex-employee of MDACC who seemed to know his way around. He punched her and left but was later caught
    - v. Shuttle Buses and Housing Tenant thefts of Catalytic Converters
    - vi. Plan of ACTION
      - 1. Police Presence (UTP-H will increase patrols through the garage)
      - 2. Communication
        - a. Be aware of your surroundings
          - i. DO NOT use cellphones while walking
        - b. IF you see something, say something
        - c. SAVE UTP-H's number in your phone: 713-792-2890
        - d. UTP-H will provide an escort to your car, especially if it is late hours (call the number above)
        - e. Do not leave property in plain sight
        - f. Always lock your car
      - 3. Added Security
        - a. Conducted study to install cameras and signage throughout the garage for added security
        - b. Auxiliary Enterprises is partnering with UTP-H to make this happen
        - c. Hired consultants to advise us on the lighting and cameras
      - 4. Emergency Response Team
        - a. Working with Public Affairs to quickly publicize all emergencies and action plans
        - b. Notify vendors
        - c. Meet weekly to improve responses to community
        - d. Check [uthealthemergency.org](http://uthealthemergency.org) for updates
      - 5. Alert System
        - a. Text/emails should be sent out for updates
        - b. Send email to Bryan Evans if you are not receiving alerts

6. Announcements

- a. Election results for Committee on Committee representatives from faculty senate.
  - i. Sara Guzman-Reyes
  - ii. Zi Yang Jiang
- b. We are taking nominations until the end of July for chair-elect and secretary-elect. Elections for chair-elect and secretary-elect will start at the beginning of August and run for 2 weeks. Winners will be announced at the August FS meeting.
- c. Dine with Pride @ UTHealth (Attachment 3)

7. Adjournment at 5:29PM

**Next meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021, 4:30 PM**

Dr. Catherine Ambrose – Chair  
Dr. Nahid Rianon-Chair-Elect  
Dr. Zi Yang Jiang – Secretary  
Dr. Renee Flores -Secretary-Elect  
Dr. Kenya Parks – 2019-2020 Past-Chair

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**COVID-19 UPDATES**

As COVID-19 vaccination rates increase, cases of the virus continue to decline, and science reassures us it is now safe to resume many activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, we are lifting some of the protocols and procedures that were instituted at the beginning of the pandemic. These decisions, carefully evaluated by those leading our coronavirus response, are guided, as always, by an unwavering commitment to your safety.

### **Travel**

**Domestic Travel:** Effective June 21, those who are planning personal or UTHealth business travel within the United States are no longer required to complete and submit a Travel Registration Form. For all work-related travel, we will return to the procedures we had in place prior to the pandemic. Please work directly with your department to arrange work-related travel.

**International Travel:** International travel still poses a health threat, even for those who are fully vaccinated, and we encourage you to consider the risks before booking travel outside the United States. To that end, **those who are planning personal or UTHealth business travel internationally are still required to submit a completed [Travel Registration Form](#) in advance.**

Beginning June 21, work-related international travel will no longer be prohibited by the university. Please note, though, that all international travel requests must be reviewed and approved by the **[International Oversight Travel Committee](#)** to determine if the trip is essential and safe. Per UT System guidance, these measures will be in effect through Dec. 31, and may be revised depending on changes in global pandemic conditions. Faculty and staff members should work directly with their departments on planning and approvals.

### **In-person learning**

With the safety of students, faculty, and staff top of mind, each school is developing its own plan for in-person learning. Learners will receive information from their schools as plans are finalized and information becomes available.

### **Return to campus**

While some departments have already instituted safety protocols and procedures that allow for the safe return of their employees to on-campus workspaces, others are thriving in a remote work environment. We have asked school and department leaders to determine what is best for their employees—including considerations for high-risk individuals—as they continue to support the mission of the university, regardless of their work location. University and school leadership will work with each department to finalize and implement plans for their employees by Sept. 1, 2021.

### **Stay healthy, stay informed**

As always, we recommend safe practices, good hygiene, and careful self-monitoring for any symptoms of illness. Additionally, if you have not already done so, we encourage you and your children 12 years and older to [sign up](#) to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Continue to check the [COVID-19 website](#), [Inside UTHHealth](#), and [UTPConnect](#) for the latest news and information.

Your safety and well-being are our highest priorities as we continue to re-evaluate our COVID-19 procedures and protocols and consider plans for a new era at UTHHealth. Thank you for your commitment to safety, your patience and flexibility during the pandemic, and your dedication to advancing the mission of UTHHealth.

**Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD**

President and Alkek-Williams Distinguished Chair



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## Attachment 2

Specialty	No.	%
Anesthesiology	20	9%
Child Neurology	5	2%
Dermatology	6	3%
Diagnostic Radiology	8	3%
Emergency Medicine	15	6%
Family Medicine	9	4%
Internal Medicine	40	17%
Internal Medicine-Preliminary	5	2%
Interventional Radiology	1	<1%
Med Peds	2	<1%
Neurosurgery	5	2%
Neurology	9	4%
Obstetrics & Gynecology	17	7%
Oralmaxillofacial Surgery	3	1%
Ophthalmology	5	2%
Orthopedic Surgery	8	3%
Otolaryngology	2	<1%
Pathology	2	<1%
Pediatrics	18	8%
PM&R	3	1%
Plastic Surgery	2	<1%
Psychiatry	20	9%
Radiation Oncology	1	<1%
Surgery - General	8	3%
Surgery-Preliminary	12	5%
Urology	3	1%
Vascular Surgery	1	<1%
Deferred	4	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>	





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**4-7 P.M.**  
FRIDAY  
JUNE 25, 2021

**WEBBER PLAZA**  
adjacent to McGovern  
Medical School



- **Free T-shirt and food for the first 100  
with your UTHHealth ID**
- **Bring your own blanket or lawn chair**
- **Music and entertainment to be provided**

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