

UTHealth McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate

Thursday, October 21, 2021 | 4:30 pm

WEBEX Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to order at 4:32pm – Dr. Nahid Rianon
2. Approval of Minutes (September 2021)
3. Reports
 - a. Dr. Giuseppe Colasurdo, President, UT Health Science Center
 - Funding for additional buildings
 - \$40 million for Public Health Institute for School of Public Health (4th largest in country)
 - TMC3 Project Update- Projected impact: \$5.4 Billion in Annual Economic Impact; 26,540 Jobs. Designed to promote industry/institutional and inter-institutional collaborations and accelerate life science translation/research
 - 4 Founding Institutions:
 - Texas Medical Center: \$40M (debt financed)
 - Texas A&M University: \$36.5M (debt financed)
 - UTHealth: \$36.5M (PUF)
 - MD Anderson: \$73M (\$36.5M PUF; \$36.5M cash)
 - Vaccine mandates- by December 8, 2021
 - Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson and Johnson booster vaccines are available now
 - b. McGovern Medical School update – Dr. Richard Andrassy, Executive Dean, *ad interim*
 - November 16th MMS Update will be held on line from Noon to 1 PM. Please calendar it.
 - Recruitment of Department Chairs- Dr. Timothy McCulley, Ophthalmology Chair appointed
 - Establishing a search committee for Neurosurgery Department Chair
 - c. Dr. Bela Patel, COVID-19 Related Burnout and Resilience in Critical Care
 - UT-Health Critical Care never experienced the pauses to catch a break
 - ICUs are becoming more difficult because of loss of nurses, new nurses (80%), new RT (60%), increased patient acuity, increased mortality in young population, mortality in young mothers, emotional exhaustion, loss of social connection with patients and families, aggression from families, denials for higher level of care
 - Symptoms of Burnout→ emotional exhaustion, depersonalization or cynicism, reduced personal accomplishment and inefficacy
 - Reduction in work effort and productivity, setting up partners to help with burnout
 - Executive Leadership for promotion of engagement, community, and reduction of burnout
 - d. COVID-19 Related Burnout and Resilience – Dr. Ben Bobrow, Emergency Medicine
 - Lessons Learned: Emergency Department was always open to take care of everyone
 - Chronic stress issues among EM faculty, trainees, staff with potentially poor performance, negative interpersonal interactions, missed work for illness, physical deconditioning, substance issues, absenteeism
 - TEAM approach to Department. Create a team dynamic. Recognizing people often. “Quarantini” Virtual Events. Retreats. Outdoor Softball Games/Events. Team Fitness Challenges. Fitness Bio-monitors. Outdoor Resident Conference. Upcoming Recovery & Resiliency Workshop
 - Targeted & Timely Telehealth (T3) Pilot Program (Grant) with Dr. Ron Acierno-Executive Director of UTHealth Trauma and Resilience Center: collaboration in telemedicine of confirmed efficacy to connect first responders to evidence-based care
 - Texas Emergency Medicine Research Center (TEMRC): innovating to improve access to life-saving emergency care for everyone

- e. Interfaculty Council update – Dr. Georgene Hergenroeder
 - o “Believe in our voice” IFC Update with 3 subcommittees: Administrative Affairs; Faculty Status, Rights and Responsibilities; Governance & Academic affairs.
- f. Dr. Kenya Parks- pediatric vaccine coming out soon

4. Adjournment at 5:34pm

Next meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021 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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