

# UTHealth McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate

Thursday, November 18, 2021 4:30 pm

WEBEX Meeting

## Minutes

1. Introduction
  - a. Call to Order: 4:30pm
  - b. Housekeeping reminders- notify if called in by phone and do not have name displayed, mute microphones
2. Approval of Minutes- October 2021 Approved
3. Reports
  - a. Faculty Affairs updates- Dr. Kevin Morano
    - Search still open for new dean
    - Large events cancelled→ President's Scholars Award Ceremony & MMS Faculty Promotion Diner
    - Town Hall meeting Update→ COVID low in Houston and Texas, however with upward trend
    - TMC3 – underway and recommendation to go check out the new space
    - Message from Dr. Colasurdo- Comply with federal COVID mandate
      - All UTHealth Houston faculty, staff, residents, fellows, contractors, vendors, and volunteers must be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022
      - Exemptions will be granted for those with religious beliefs, disabilities, or medical conditions that contraindicate vaccination. If you believe that you qualify for an exemption as defined by the federal government, please visit [go.uth.edu/exemption](https://go.uth.edu/exemption) to complete the exemption form
    - Vaccination Clinic has moved to 6414 Fannin St, Between UT Professional Building and parking garage. Go to clinic for vaccines and boosters.
  - b. Interfaculty Council Update- Dr. Georgene Hergenroeder
    - UT Police Houston – Services and programs, check out website <https://www.utph.org/>
    - Emergency/Life threatening- Call 911
    - Non emergent or call for safety escort call 713-792-2890
    - Community Partnership Advisory Council- Volunteer opportunity contact Claudia Garcia at 713-563-2177
    - Faculty Tribunal Panel – Drs. Mya Schiess (MMS) & Yun-Xin Fu (SPH)

4. Old business
  - a. Introducing Mental Health/Resilience Building taskforce- Drs. Nahid Rianon, Stacy Norrell
    - Mental Health Taskforce working with Office of Faculty Affairs and EAP
5. New Business
  - a. Food vendor at MMS- Charles Figari and Diane Cupples
    - Meeting with group 11/19/2021 to discuss food at UT schools
    - Asking for volunteers if would like to be included in these meetings. To volunteer, email Diane ([diane.e.cupples@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:diane.e.cupples@uth.tmc.edu))
  - b. Faculty Assistance Program (FAP)- Dr. Robin Dickey
    - FAP- offers free services, email Robin Dickey ([robin.dickey@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:robin.dickey@uth.tmc.edu) or 713-500-3358)
    - More information on the website: Mental Health, physical wellness, financial and legal wellbeing, integrative wellness coaching, virtual meditation sessions, emotional health resources during COVID
    - Mylifevalues.com for childcare services, elder adult care
6. Adjournment 5:28pm

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 4:30pm**

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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