

**UTDB Faculty Senate Meeting
Room 3.095
June 11, 2003**

1. **Dr. Turner** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **May Minutes:** approved as written.
3. **Dean's Comments:** Dean unable to attend
4. **Reports**
 - A. **Interfaculty Council (Dr. Turner)**
 - (a) **General Accountability-**Dr. Castro discussed general accountability document that is intended to centralize measures and outcomes dealing primarily with undergraduate education.
 - (b) **Compliance Issues-** HIPAA and internet security both mandated, by law are complex issues that UTHSC will have to deal with. IFC concerned about lack of faculty input about this and other areas and want input before any policy is put into place. IFC to liaison with Claire Gonzales, the compliance officer.
 - (c) **Social Security-** UT will have to change its system to exclude SS numbers. SS numbers will be removed from insurance cards next fiscal year.
 - (d) **Reduction In Force-** Concerns about non-tenured faculty being protected since they are carrying most of the teaching load in some institutions.
 - (e) **Administration-** Concern that administration is over represented at HSC. Following their reorganization the SPH has 135 faculty, 14 deans and 24 division directors. Noted that this is a better ratio of administrators to faculty than faculty to students.
 - B. **Administrative Council (Dr. Turner)**
 - (a) **University Clinical Research Center-** Pablo Okhuysen described the University Clinical Research center. This was established 20 years ago and is available to physicians and dentists. Can be contacted at www.uth.tmc.edu/uth_org/crc or (713) 500-6736.
 - (b) **T32 Teaching Grant-** Dr. D'Souza has given presentations to several departments regarding the T32 Teaching Grant and possibility of faculty and student participation.
 - (c) **Budget-** Budget for Health Science Centers cut by 5.3%. Local issues such as internet security, HIPAA regulations have escalated this to 12.4%. DB will be cut \$1.6 million. Dr. Flaitz sent Dr. Willerson a letter noting that loss of basic science faculty already resulted in \$1.7 million loss. Discussion that the DB also had fewer responsibilities because of the BS merger. The dean noted that business decisions were based on the mission of the DB and more specific budget details would be given at the Town Hall meeting on Friday, June 13. In discussion that followed noted that some people would be laid off and Dental Hygiene would be moved to Periodontics. Legislature has funded \$39 million to HSC to remedy damage from storm Allison. There is a potential for loss of GME funding. The balanced budget act of 1997 was reevaluated

on May 19, 2003 and decided that dental residents are no longer eligible. Hope that St. Lukes will fund GMEs for 3 months and support will be available from alumni, companies etc. Dean thanked Dr. Koh for her efforts in this area. Dr. Koh has prepared letters to be sent to legislators regarding GME funding issues. See Olivia Hertzog for these.

(d) **Research Day-** DB Research Day is July 25, 2003. The speaker will be Larry Tabek, president of NIH. New students will receive research orientation August 26, 2003. HSC Research day is November 14, 2003. No vendors will be present and research posters are for students only.

(e) **WREB-** 57/60 dental students passed (95% rate). Four dental hygiene students failed, due primarily to patients being rejected by examiners. The mock board was praised for contributions. There was no mock exam in dental hygiene due to lack of patients.

(f) **Clinic Model-** New clinic model will be begin after summer clinic. A drug information database will be available on CIS.

(g) **Chart Room-** located on second floor where student lounge used to be.

(h) **Dental Van-** Will visit Fort Bend Family Health center with faculty member and AEGD resident twice a week.

(i) **Leadership Forum-** Mr. John O'Black, Drs. John Ludington and Peter Triolo attended. Talks given by Ms. Williamson regarding changes in the HSC.

(j) **Name Change-** From UT at Houston Health Science Center to University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

(k) **Periodontics Chair Search-** The position has been advertised.

(l) **TX Deans Meeting-** Deans of Texas dental schools will have regular meetings. TDA will sponsor a retreat to meet with them.

(m) **DB Graduation-**2004 graduation on Saturday before Memorial Day weekend.

(n) **Retreat-** Dr. Triolo in charge of retreat organization. Discussion that this is usually the province of the UTDB senate. Most of retreat will deal with issues raised by accreditation. Discussion about participation of basic science faculty as this is a critical component of the curriculum.

C. Faculty Advisory Committee- (Dr. Rittman)

FAC meeting in Austin on June 5-6, 2003. Dr. Rittman gave a report of the meeting that included Chancellor Yudof, Regent Hunt and many of the presidents of UT System. Productive meeting. Dr. Rittman is chair elect of the IFC starting this September and will attend future FAC meetings. The new president of FAC is Dr. Terese Verklan (MS).

Items of note from FAC meeting:

- 1) **Tuition Deregulation-** UT campuses must have consultation plan to discuss any changes so that there is adequate input from faculty, staff and students. No increase in tuition until January 2004.
- 2) **Benefits-**
 - a. **Health-**90 day waiting period for all new hires for medical benefits; Co-pays will be raised.
 - b. **Retirement-** Years of service for tenure increased to 10 years. "Rule of 80" still applies.

- 3) **Salary Cuts-** Regent's rules prevent base salaries of tenured faculty from being cut except in cases of financial exigency. There could however be cuts in at risk portions such as supplements, etc.
- 4) **HIPAA-** The state approved compliance with federal HIPAA to be an acceptable standard for state compliance. This will save approximately \$60 mil to health components.

D. HSC Administrative Council (Ms. Warren)

- (a) **Students with Disabilities-** Council endorsed policy for students with disabilities and for each school to have at least one contact person familiar with disabilities requirements to act as a resource. Information regarding disabled student should be directed to course directors.
- (b) **Policy Changes-** Recommended that any policy that is changed or applied goes through some council/s other than the executive council.
- (c) **Cellular Phone Usage-** Rick Miller, chair of business council proposed some restrictions on cellular phone cost for the HSC. Currently \$500,000 spent annually on this with charges ranging from \$4 to \$1,500 per month. Issue to be studied more.
- (d) **DSL Service-** Possibility of supplying Roadrunner and DSL service so some employees who use their computers at home to work.

5. Old Business

a. Nomination for President-Elect of Senate- Dr. Turner to contact chairs and ask for support and suggestions. Dr. Turner listed mandated meetings for president of senate.
Administrative Council once a month
Outcomes Assessment Committee (ex officio)
Graduation once a year
Interfaculty council, once a month
HSC Administrative Council once a month
Executive Council, twice a semester
Past president is chair of the Committee on Committees
Others could go to many of these meetings to represent the senate and DB, possibility of shared responsibilities.

6. New Business- None

7. Announcements- Nominations for the President's Scholar Awards should be turned into Leslie Roeder.

8. Adjournment. - Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa P. Thomas, DDS