Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee  
University of Tennessee, College of Medicine  

October 4, 2005  

Call to Order  

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Stan Kaplan, at 12:07 PM on October 3, 2005, in the Hyman building, Room 101.  

Attendance  

The following members were present:  

Art Geller, Stanley Kaplan, MD, Leonard Lothstein, PhD, E. Haavi Morreim, PhD, William R. Morris, MD, Linda K. Myers, MD, Ron Pfeiffer, MD, Mildred Randolf, DVM, Renate Rosenthal, PhD, Fran Tylavsky, DrPH, Christopher M. Waters, PhD, Robert S. Waters, PhD, Thad Wilson, PhD  

The following guest(s) was (were) present:  

Pat Wall, MD; Dan Goldowitz, PhD, Larry Pfeiffer, PhD  

Approval of minutes  

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Minutes had previously been distributed by electronic means. A hard copy of the minutes was available for review by the members.  

Old Business  

For the Dean's Symposium, Thad Wilson indicated that we expect to have about a dozen posters or so. Posters were distributed for DFAC members to post around their respective office buildings."  

New Business  

Dr. Kaplan introduced Dr. Dan Goldowitz, who came to discuss the 5-year plan for animal care plans and facilities. This committee was formed during the DFAC presidency of Dr. Chris Waters, in recognition of the fact that the need for quality animal care and facilities is increasingly imperative as the campus's research mission grows.  

Dr. Golowitz provided a summary of the issues his committee evaluated. These include:  
* growing need for animal care space and expertise;  
* space;  
* equipment and infrastructure;  
* personnel;  
* subsidy for animal care.
Dr. Goldowitz's report will be posted on the DFAC's website. DFAC members and members of their departments are invited to comment, so the draft can be finalized.

During discussion, it was noted that the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science is the trade organization for animal lab technicians. Based in Memphis, it provides a track for certification of animal care technicians. With the new degree in biotech offered at Shelby State Community College, it was hoped that UT can increasingly find highly qualified people to care for the animals in UT's labs. Salaries have been improved in recent years and need to be further improved.

It was also noted that, if animal care costs are integrated into the F and As of grants, then at grant renewal time, further animal care costs can be included. Another potential place to seek money to enhance infrastructure is the NIH's NCRR, National Center for Research Resources.

Dr. Goldowitz's draft report, once finalized, could go to the Faculty Senate, the Chancellor, and those in administration who may be in a position to help implement its findings.

Dr. Pat Wall updated the DFAC on the departure of Dr. Hank Herrod as dean of the CoM. Dr. Wall learned two weeks ago of Dr. Herrod's imminent departure. He will act as interim dean until an executive dean and permanent medical school dean are found. Dr. Owen's vision for the future was shared recently, at the conclusion of his first 100 days. The most significant change for the CoM is the new position of Executive Dean. This position will be part of a system-wide framework for educational processes, evaluation, research, benchmarking, and the like. The Executive Dean will be based in Memphis. The acting executive dean at this time is Mike Caudill, formerly dean of the graduate school in Knoxville. A search committee has been appointed, headed by Dr. Andrew Kang and Dr. Gerald Byrne. Once that position is filled, the committee can then turn to the search for a permanent dean of the CoM.

Dr. Herrod has instituted several initiatives, including better integrating the CoM's educational activities. These efforts will be continued. Dr. Herrod has agreed to facilitate these efforts into the future.

The department of Psychiatry has a vacancy for its chairman, and Dr. Renate Rosenthal will lead a committee to discuss the vision and future of the department. Dr Rusty Johnson will be serving as Vice Chancellor for Research. UTMG will remain a challenge, and the Chancellor will play a major role as it evolves.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on November 7, 2005, at 12:00 Noon in the Hyman building, Room 101.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Haavi Morreim, PhD
Secretary