Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee

University of Tennessee, College of Medicine

October 6, 2003

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Fran Tylavsky, at 12:07 PM on October 6, 2003, in the Patio on the 7th floor of the Wm. F. Bowld Hospital.

II. Attendance

The following members were present:

William R. Morris, MD
Ron Pfeiffer, MD
Fran Tylavsky, DrPH
Robert Waters, PhD
Chris Waters, PhD
Kenneth Sellers, MD
Peter Jones, PhD

The following members were excused:

Haavi Morreim, PhD, Len Lothstein, Allen Edmonson, Stan Kaplan

The following guests were present:

Henry Herrod, MD, Dean, College of Medicine

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting have been reviewed electronically.

IV. Old Business

A. Dean's Symposium - The results of the vote of faculty members concerning suggested speakers for the Dean's Symposium were announced. Rusty Johnson and Caroline Riley received the most votes. Both speakers had prior commitments on the two proposed dates, thus it was decided to move the date until January 9 or 16, 2004. The location has not been determined, and additional suggestions were made by the committee.

V. New Business
A. The Dean of the College of Medicine then spoke regarding concerns about the Research Incentive funding. He reviewed the history of this program and some of the thinking behind the way research funds are allocated. He stated that for every grant dollar we receive, it costs the university about 15 cents to support that research program beyond the normal overhead expenses. Without adequate state funds, there may not be enough monies to continue funding the Research Incentive program at its present level. Although the Dean believed that there were enough funds to pay at the present rate for the December 2003 payments, he indicated that there would likely need to be some future changes. Information about proposals for restructuring the Research Incentive Program will be sent to DFAC members for their input. A new Chancellor might influence how this program might work, but that search is still in progress.

He spoke about problems caused by the gift of the 910 and 920 Madison buildings. Maintenance has drained some University funds. The University also still owes money on debt incurred by the William F. Bowld Hospital.

The Dean indicated that many of UTHSC's problems were related to political challenges, and that UTHSC needs stronger representation in the legislature and elsewhere in state government.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2003, at 12:00 Noon in the usual location.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Morris, MD
For the Secretary