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

November 5, 2013  

Call to Order  

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Larry Reiter, at 12:10 PM on November 4, 2013, in the Coleman building, Room A101.

Attendance  

The following members were present:  

Martin A. Croce, MD, George Cook, PhD, Terry Cooper, PhD, Maggie DeBon, PhD, Denis DiAngelo, PhD, Bob Foehring, PhD, Haavi Morreim, JD, PhD, William R. Morris, MD, Edwards Park, PhD, Kaushik Parthasarathi, PhD, Larry Reiter, PhD  

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

Polly Hofmann, PhD, Susan Senogles, PhD  

Approval of minutes  

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Minutes had previously been distributed by electronic means.

Business  

Pres. Reiter recalled his plan for the year, for the DFAC to focus on three projects. One is the teaching metric currently being developed by a DFAC subcommittee. The second is a project to identify funds and procedures to encourage translational research. Drs. Martin Croce and Maggie DeBon have agreed to serve on this subcommittee. Ideas for the third project were discussed. One possibility might be to focus on the initiative to enhance quality of teaching. Other ideas are encouraged.

With respect to encouraging translational research, DFAC discussion observed that a number of challenges tend to inhibit the kinds of collaboration that are now essential to research and to obtaining grant funding. To some extent, UT faculty still are uncertain who is working in what areas, on campus. Additionally, mentorship and collegiality are perhaps too limited not just for younger faculty, but for more advanced faculty as well. Enhancing collaboration, more than simply creating databases that may not be actively used, could potentially be the third DFAC project for this year.

Terry Cooper updated the DFAC on the Education Metric committee. Thus far 94 responses have come in from faculty who teach medical students, and more are coming in daily. Dr. Cooper indicated that faculty responses for some categories, e.g. identifying the time spent to create a new lecture, to present a repeat lecture, and to undertake a major revision of a lecture, are showing great consistency among faculty respondents. In the end all responses will be compiled
into a spreadsheet, so that the data will be available to everyone. All the data are being entered by an administrative assistant in Dr. Cooper's department, and all forms that faculty fill out (with data anonymously provided) are being retained for any future evaluation needs.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on December 2, 2013, at 12:00 Noon in the Coleman building, Room A101.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Haavi Morreim, JD, PhD
Secretary