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

February 4, 2002

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Ron Pfeiffer, at 12:10 PM on February 4, 2002, in the Patio on the 7th floor of the Wm. F. Bowld Hospital.

Attendance

The following members were present:

Peter D. Jones, PhD, Stanley Kaplan, MD, E. Haavi Morreim, PhD, William R. Morris, MD, Linda K. Myers, MD, Ron Pfeiffer, MD, Rajendra Raghow, PhD, Kenneth D. Sellers, MD, Fran Tylavsky, DrPH, Christopher M. Waters, PhD, Robert S. Waters, PhD

The following members were excused:

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

Henry Herrod, MD

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

The election for CAAP was discussed. Currently, nearly 50 ballots have been received, with several write-ins; Wednesday, February 6 marks the end of balloting. Two people have noted problems with the election, including the lack of secret ballots and the lack of information concerning who is eligible to be on the committee (or thereby who is eligible to be a write-in candidate).

Dr. Robert Waters indicated that attempts are under way to meet with Dr. Kotb regarding the proposed series of seminars on research at UT; Dr. Myers noted the importance of ensuring that such a series is adequately advertised to the faculty.

New Business

Dr. Herrod said that on Feb 23, 2002 there will be an announcement:
* the Methodist Healthcare Board will approve a new affiliation agreement with UT;
* two residency programs at Methodist (medicine and radiology) will merge with UT's programs within three years;
After the Methodist Board approves the change on 2/23, a series of announcements will be made to provide further details, culminating on 3/18 with a press conference featuring major policy figures and assorted dignitaries.

Overall, this is to be a genuine partnership, not an "invited guest" relationship. Methodist will place UT people on senior planning groups, including the addition of Chancellor Rice to their board.

Dr. Herrod indicated that he believes the change will be very positive for both institutions, even though some apprehension exists currently among clinicians on both sides. Although the MedPlex will continue to be used for TennCare patients, it was noted that many other people, from downtown to Highland, still may have need/interest in using these downtown facilities. Consequently, it is anticipated that in the 900 Madison buildings, offices will be created for physicians who admit patients to the Med-Bowld complex. No decision has yet been made on whether other office space needs to be created at the Methodist Central site.

Dr. Herrod discussed various departments' potential future connections with Methodist's corresponding departments, including pathology, anesthesia, and others. Ultimately it is hoped there may emerge a University Medical Center concept that will also embrace the Med, LeBonheur, and the VA; that part is being coordinated by Dr. Waller. At present, efforts are under way to promote cooperation among these institutions on matters of quality that, it is hoped, can potentially lead to significant savings as well as enhancements of service for the entire group.

Further discussion concerned the implications for research, including:
* plans to acquaint Methodist executives with some of the more exciting research under way at UT
* the ways in which residency programs may evolve
* plans for centers of excellence.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on March 4, 2002, at 12:00 Noon in the Patio on the 7th floor of the Wm. F. Bowld Hospital.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Haavi Morreim, PhD
Secretary