Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee  
University of Tennessee, College of Medicine  
March 8, 2005  

Call to Order  

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Chris Waters, at 12:07 PM on March 7, 2005, in the Hyman building, Room 101.

Attendance  

The following members were present:  
Allen S. Edmonson, MD, Art Geller, PhD, Stanley Kaplan, MD, Leonard Lothstein, PhD, E. Haavi Morreim, PhD, William R. Morris, MD, Kenneth D. Sellers, MD, Christopher M. Waters, PhD, Robert S. Waters, PhD, Thad Wilson, PhD  

The following members were excused:  
Ron Pfeiffer, MD, Mildred Randolf, DVM, Fran Tylavsky, DrPH  

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

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  

Pres. Waters and Pres-elect Kaplan updated DFAC on the 2005 Dean's Symposium. Per the earlier email, Drs. Andy Kang and Malak Kotb will be the speakers at this year's Dean's Symposium. It will be held October 14 at 3:30pm at the Peabody. The poster session and reception will likely be in the Skyway, though it is not yet certain whether the actual lectures will be in that location. Arrangements for publicity and other issues should be under way soon.

As a followup to animal care and use discussions, Pres. Waters noted that one issue that has not yet been addressed in detail concerns facilities. He is working on assembling a committee to address this, and requested suggestions to serve on such a committee, so that suggestions and requests can be relayed to the new Chancellor when he takes office.

Dr. Art Geller proposed that the DFAC consider inviting Chancellor Owen to meet with the DFAC fairly soon after he takes office. It was noted that ordinarily the DFAC reports to the dean, while the faculty senate reports to the Chancellor. In reply, it was proposed that Chancellor Owen seems eager to get to know the faculty and issues on this campus. One idea was to invite him to share his ideas and plans for the College of Medicine, and what he expects from the
College. There seemed to be a general consensus that it would be desirable to invite him to a future DFAC meeting.

New Business

Pres. Waters began by summarizing major events from the 2/24/05 faculty meeting. The faculty approved both of the changes to the College of Medicine bylaws including the addition of guidelines for the non-tenure track faculty positions and the revision of the CAAP committee's guidelines for tenure and promotion. DFAC members discussed the challenges of assembling a quorum for these faculty meetings. It was proposed that at least some of these issues might be sent out electronically for electronic ballot.

At the meeting, there had been some discussion regarding the option of switching tracks, between tenure and nontenure. Some wording changes were proposed, and Dr. Dianna Johnson is working on this issue.

During the same meeting, Dean Herrod discussed some of the details of the Methodist-UT affiliation. His powerpoint slides will be made available to the faculty as a whole in the near future on the DFAC website.

Pres Waters then discussed the quest for people to participate in the committees preparatory for the upcoming LCME visit (Liason Committee on Medical Education). Dr. Peppler has now appointed a chair for each committee, and has identified a number of prospective members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on April 4, 2005, at 12:00 Noon in the Hyman building, Room 101.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Haavi Morreim, PhD
Secretary