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

April 6, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Stan Kaplan, DFAC president-elect, at 12:07 PM on April 4, 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, Ron Pfeiffer, MD, Kenneth D. Sellers, MD, Claudette Shephard, Robert S. Waters, PhD, Thad Wilson, PhD

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

Hank 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

On behalf of Pres. Waters, President-elect Dr. Kaplan called the meeting to order at 12:07pm. He reviewed the latest developments on animal use and care. It was pointed out that a needs assessment will be important to finalize, as soon as possible, so that the new Chancellor can be approached with the appropriate requests. It is expected that Chris Waters will be able to update the group more fully at the next meeting. Dr. Herrod indicated that BioWorks will need access to a vivarium. It is not yet determined whether BioWorks will have its own, or will contract with UT's vivarium. The Biodefense facility will have its own vivarium. He also noted that there is significant demand from industry to have access to vivariums, thus opening the possibility of leasing vivarium space and facilities to interested industries. Overall, an important potential function of the BioWorks may be to provide research facilities to which corporations can gain access by contract.

New Business

Dr. Kaplan noted, per information from Pres. Waters, that nominations for faculty to serve on the LCME committees for the COM were forwarded to Drs. Shreve and Peppler by the nominating committee. Dr. Waters has the list of nominees if anyone would like to see them.

Dr. Kaplan invited nominations for the next group of DFAC officers, including president-elect. Art Geller's name was placed in nomination and he agreed to be listed. Final election will take place at the annual meeting in May.
Concerning the annual meeting, the DFAC discussed the topics on which to ask Dean Herrod to comment to the assembled faculty. Items that usually are included include UT's relationship with Methodist, the status of UTMG, research priorities, space allocations including offices and research, and the like. Dr. Herrod will do a 15-minute State-of-the-College commentary and respond to other questions. For Dr. Peppler's annual summary of the graduating class, it was suggested that he might provide a written summary of the various statistics associated with the graduating class.

Chancellor Owen will meet with the DFAC on May 12 at noon in Hyman 101. Dr. Kaplan requested that DFAC members send him responses to the 10 questions that Dr. Owen forwarded last week.

Some DFAC members were uncertain how to respond to some of the questions Dr. Owen posed, some which refer to 'our vision' and 'our strategy.' Dean Herrod indicated that 'vision' quite likely refers to the basic mission of education, research and service. The strategic plan is, in essence, to meet these basic objectives with a special focus on such goals as providing physicians for Tennessee. Dr. Herrod noted that the various colleges within the UTHSC campus have different goals, service missions, and needs. In that setting, DFAC members observed that probably the Chancellor's main job is to determine where and how money is distributed on campus.

Among the more specific issues that DFAC may raise for Dr. Owen's attention, UT's processes for creating contracts with industry are sometimes cumbersome and ineffective, and need to be reformed. In part, one goal may be to bring this kind of contracting activity into the Memphis campus.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on May 2, 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