Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee  
University of Tennessee, College of Medicine  
April 7, 2003

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Robert Waters, at 12:08 PM on April 7, 2003, in the Patio on the 7th floor of the Wm. F. Bowld Hospital.

II. Attendance

The following members were present:

Stanley Kaplan, MD  
William R. Morris, MD  
Kenneth Sellers, MD  
Fran Tylavsky, DrPH  
Robert Waters, PhD  
Chris Waters, PhD  
Linda Myers, ND  
Peter Jones, PhD  
Allen Edmonson, MD

The following new members were present:

Mildred Randolph DVM – Comparative Medicine  
Thad Wilson, PhD - Radiology  
Claudette Shepard, MD – OB/GYN

The following members were excused:

Haavi Morreim, PhD  
Pamela Connor, PhD

The following guests were present:

Henry Herrod, MD, Dean, College of Medicine  
Richard Peppler, PhD, Associate Dean  
Lawrence Hak, PharmD – President, Faculty Senate

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were still undergoing review and revision.

IV. Old Business

The DFAC web page is now up and running. Those members who desire should give the president of the DFAC information for a brief bio sketch to be included on the web page.
V. New Business

A. The president introduced three new members of the DFAC. They are:

Mildred Randolph DVM – Comparative Medicine
Thad Wilson, PhD - Radiology
Claudette Shepard, MD – OB/GYN

The committee welcomes its new members.

B. Dr Richard Peppler then gave an update in three areas of interest to the committee.

1. Update on the Class of 2003

Information about the class and the results of their matching residencies and internships was distributed to the members and is also available on the website. 40% of the class will remain in training programs within the state of Tennessee (32% in University of Tennessee institutions) and 60% will train in other states. One mitigating circumstance may be the lack of sufficient numbers of training sites for some specialties in the state.

87% of the Class of 2003 is graduating on time. 80% (16/20) of the African-Americans in this class are graduating in a timely manner. A total of 25 African-Americans will be graduating this year.

2. New Curriculum for Class of 2006

The new curriculum for the Class of 2006 is in place. The students will be entering their core clerkships earlier than before, beginning them in May rather than July. Urology will be added to the surgical subspecialties clerkship; a new specialty clerkship will become available; and clerkships will start a four-week format.

A clinical skills evaluation has been added to the USMLE. The Step IIb will evaluate the ability of the student to obtain a history and perform a physical examination. There was a great deal of discussion about the requirement for this expensive addition.

3. STEEEP

This program is the outgrowth from the Institute of Medicine’s report of some years ago. There were six areas that were deemed important for good medical training and care. They are:

Patient care
Medical Knowledge
Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
Interpersonal and Communication Skills
Professionalism
Systems-Based Practice

The acronym STEEEP has been coined to cover these areas. This stands for:
More information about this program will be forthcoming.

C. Dr. Waters announced that the Spring General meeting of the Faculty of the College of Medicine will held on May 28, 2003, in the North Auditorium of the Coleman Building at 5:00 PM. He asked for members to forward suggested agenda items to him. The bylaws have been revised and approved by the Dean. Dr. Waters requested input about the length of term of service on the DFAC. Nominations for President-Elect are due next month. The nominee should be from a Basic Science Department.

The president also asked for suggestions for speakers and location for the Dean’s Symposium to be held in the fall.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2003, at 12:00 Noon in the usual location.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Morris, MD
For the Secretary