May 7, 2007

Call to Order

The May meeting of the Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee (DFAC) was called to order at 12:06 PM on May 7, 2007, by the President, Dr Art Geller.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the April meeting of the DFAC had been published electronically. There were no additions or correction to the minutes, and they were approved.

Attendance

The following members were present:

William R. Morris, MD
Stanley Kaplan, MD
Jack Buchanan, MD
Arthur Geller, PhD
Len Lothstein, PhD
Maggie DeBon, PhD
Martin Croce, MD
Allen Edmonson, MD
Bob Waters, PhD
Renate Rosenthal, PhD
Chris Waters, PhD
George Cook, PhD
Thad Wilson, PhD
Elias Giraldo, MD
Linda Myers, MD
Claudette Shephard, MD

Excused:

Haavi Morreim, PhD

Announcements

Dr Stanley Kaplan was recognized for his service as Past-President of the DFAC. The committee enthusiastically applauded him for his effective tenure.

Dr. George Cook announced that he was finishing his term as Faculty Senate President, and Dr Peggy Hartig would be assuming the office of Faculty Senate President.
V. New Business

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Faculty of the College of Medicine will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the North Auditorium of the Coleman Building at 4:00 PM. The following items are on the agenda:

1. Election of Officers

Dr Rosenthal, President-Elect and Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, announced that the two candidates for President-Elect were Drs. Len Lothstein and Arthur Geller. Ballots will be available at the meeting. Some had been received by email and by regular mail. The number received is similar to the number received in the past.

2. Certification of College of Medicine Graduating Class of 2007

Dr. Peppler will present the College of Medicine Class of 2007 for certification. A list of this class was available to the DFAC.

3. Education Objectives and Competencies for the UTHSC COM

Dr. Shreve will present the UT COM Education Objectives and Competencies to the faculty for approval.

4. Dean’s Report to the College of Medicine Faculty

Dean Schwab will address the faculty on the present status of the College of Medicine and the Health Science Center.

The question then arose about the continuation of the tradition that Presidents alternate between the clinical and basic science departments. Also, representation by large departments being equal to that of small departments was questioned. These issues will be addressed during the coming year.

A discussion of increasing ability of M4s to assume greater responsibility for patient care under faculty supervision was started by Dr. Edmonson. This was suggested to improve the ability of the students to work independently during their early days of residency. After much discussion, it was decided to bring this information to the Dean’s attention in the future.

It was suggested that items needing to be placed on the agenda by DFAC members should be able to be brought to the President’s attention by posting them on the DFAC website. Dr. Wilson will work on making this happen in the future.

VI. Old Business
The report on the Annual Dean’s Symposium was very positive. There were 90 in attendance that signed in with others present that did not. There were an adequate numbers of posters displayed. One suggestion was that the room be reserved at 3:00 PM rather than 4:00 PM. There was some conflict at the end of the program with a following event.

The date of the next Dean’s Symposium was discussed at length. The advisability of coordinating this with the UT Annual Alumni Day in October had pros and cons. The location in a remote setting from the Alumni Day activities created transportation problems for alumni and the location in the same venue as the Alumni Day was not convenient for campus faculty. An additional problem was meeting the deadline for inclusion on the Annual Alumni Day program. One member suggested that posters highlighting the scientific accomplishments of the faculty be displayed at the location of the Annual Alumni Day program for viewing during the reception, and the two speakers be presented at a program in the spring of 2008. The Dean’s office will be approached about supplying funds to move the posters to the Peabody Hotel for the Annual Alumni Day meeting.

Dr. Arthur Geller received enthusiastic applause for his service as President during the last year.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the DFAC will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitter for the Secretary,

William R. Morris, MD