May 9, 2007

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM on May 9, 2007, in the North Auditorium of the Coleman Building by the President, Dr. Arthur Geller.

II. Attendance

There were 54 faculty members in attendance constituting a quorum.

III. Certification of Graduation

Dr. Richard Peppler presented the Graduating Class of 2007 for certification. There were 139 students listed. 87% of the students were graduating on time; five students were graduating with a 4.0 academic average; 93% had passed STEP I with a mean score of 212; 94% had passed STEP II with a mean score of 226; and 96% had passed the Clinical Skills portion of STEP II.

It was moved and seconded that the graduating class be certified. The motion was passed without opposition. A list of the certified Class of 2007 is attached as Appendix A.

IV. Presentation of UT College of Medicine Educational Objectives and Competencies

Dr. Robert Shreve presented the Educational Objectives and Competencies that had been updated and reformatted to meet LCME guidelines. This manuscript had been previously circulated to the faculty for review and comment.

It was moved and seconded that the UT College of Medicine Educational Objectives and Competencies be accepted. The motion was passed without opposition. A copy of this manuscript is attached as Appendix B.

IV. Update on the College of Medicine by Dr. Steve Schwab

Dr. Schwab then presented an update on the status of the College of Medicine. He reviewed the Strategic Plan that had previously been implemented. Its goal was for the College of Medicine to be in the top quartile of medical schools within 5 years.

He outlined the changes in leadership including the loss of Chancellor William Owen and the appointment of Dr. Pat Wall to the position of Interim Chancellor. A Search Committee has been formed with prominent representation by members of the College of Medicine.

He outlined his discussions with Dr. David Milhorn, Executive Vice-President of the University of Tennessee System in Knoxville, who has pledged to visit the Memphis campus on a regular basis. Dr. Schwab’s contact with him has thus far been very positive, and he is optimistic that future relationships with the Knoxville administration will improve.
He detailed other positions that have been filled or searches that are nearing completion in the medical units in Knoxville and Chattanooga. Dr. Schwab will assume the position of Dean of the College of Medicine until a permanent Dean can be appointed. A search for a Chief Medical Officer for UTMG is underway along with an Associate Dean for Hospital Affairs and an Executive Associate Dean for Finance. The UT Dean, who will focus on research, will be appointed in the future.

Resources are available to hire 60 new faculty, to begin search for chairs in the departments of Medicine and Family Medicine, to start Cardiovascular Institute, and to consider opening the search for a Chair in Psychiatry. New Graduate Medical Education projects are to start and sustain a residency in Anesthesia on the Memphis campus, an Emergency Medicine residency on the Chattanooga campus, and Cardiology and Oncology Fellowships on the Knoxville campus.

In the area of research, we should be able to complete the recruitment of a Chair of Physiology, to start a search for a Chair of Neurobiology, and to support the CTSA proposal and to completion of the RBL.

On the Memphis campus, UTMG has grown at better than 10%. Reserves will be kept to support new faculty while they develop their practices. The clinical buildings are fully occupied and the assets of UTMG have increased. Examples of values added services at UTMG are the Solid Organ Transplant Service, new pediatric specialties of neurology and cardiology, expansion of the Hamilton Eye Institute, and the Trauma Unit. Growth over time is needed in the areas of Radiology, Anesthesia, Neonatal Care, transplant service, Colorectal Surgery, Vascular Surgery, minimally invasive surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Pediatric Neurology and Cardiology.

A service at the Methodist University Hospital that has shown major success is the Transplant Service. It is in the top 20 nationwide, and hopes to be in the top 10 in the future. The renal/dialysis unit will move to Methodist soon. The GI/GI Surgery/Hepatology services are active, and cardiac and vascular services will be recruited. Academic office space will be available in the Eastmoreland Building. Cardiovascular academic space will move to Methodist also. Surgical specialties and medical specialties will be moving to buildings on Madison Avenue, and the COM Dean will move to Madison Building this summer.

Finalists are being interviewed for the Chair of Family medicine. The search for Chair of Medicine is being started, and a package for the Chair of Psychiatry is being developed.

The goal in the area of research is to grow by 10%, reinforcing those programs that have been successful and abandoning those that have failed. It was felt that a progression from a RO1 based research funding to a PO1 based funding would be advantageous. The incentive program will be maintained. Wet lab research space will be returned to the Coleman Building, while non-wet lab space will be moved to Madison Building or Methodist Eastmoreland. The Cancer Research Building top floor will be built out. Incubator space will be moved to the BIO Works in the Dudley Building. The Crowe and Nash Buildings are scheduled to be renovated, and new space will be available in the Van Fleet Building when GTX moves to BIO Works campus. Ground-breaking for the Regional Containment Lab has occurred.

The state-wide Clinical Research Organization (CRO) is up and running.

Finalists for the Chair of Physiology are being interviewed, and the search for a Chair of Neurobiology will begin soon.
New educational endeavors include the Emergency Medicine residency in Chattanooga that has its site visit in June 2007. A working group has been formed to develop an Anesthesiology residency in Memphis. A Cardiology Fellowship has been approved for the Knoxville campus, and a working group formed to develop an Oncology Fellowship there.

The recent Match Program was the most successful in 10 years. More students are choosing to stay in the state of Tennessee than in the past. 57% were pursuing careers in primary care specialties.

The question of expanding the size of the class in the COM by 30% was discussed. The impact of the Osteopathic School is unknown at this time.

Dr. Schwab then discussed some of the strategies that will be used to achieve the goals of the COM. Reappointment letters will contain scope of work and expectations as well as compensation. Positions and assets will be mission oriented.

One of the major challenges for the near and continuing future will be the status of the MED. Additional CMS citations continue to threaten this teaching resource. Recruitment targets may be difficult to hit, but continued efforts must result in success.

V. Results of Election

The incoming President, Dr. Renate Rosenthal, then announced the results of the election. Arthur Geller, PhD was elected President – Elect of the DFAC. Haavi Morreim will continue as Secretary.

VI. Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary

William R. Morris, MD.