Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Larry Reiter, at 12:10 PM on June 3, 2013, in the Coleman building, Room A101.

Attendance

The following members were present:

Martin A. Croce, MD, Denis DiAngelo, PhD, Bob Foehring, PhD, Haavi Morreim, JD, PhD, William R. Morris, MD, Linda K. Myers, MD, Edwards Park, PhD, Kaushik Parthasarathi, PhD, Fruz Pourmotabbed, PhD, Larry Reiter, PhD, Tiffany Seagroves, PhD, Claudette Shephard, MD

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

Susan Senogles, PhD

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Minutes had previously been distributed by electronic means.

Business

DFAC Secretary Haavi Morreim informed the DFAC that voting in the runoff election between Dr. Fruz Pourmotabbed and Dr. Tiffany Seagroves has reached a quorum (minimum of 40 votes per the recently approved amended CoM ByLaws), and that voting will close on Friday, June 7 at 5pm.

Pres. Reiter outlined some of the goals that he believes the DFAC could realistically work toward, and invited DFAC members to consider which goals – perhaps three or so – the DFAC might specifically select to pursue during the upcoming year. Dr. Reiter proposed that the DFAC can and should be active advisers, and not confine itself solely to reacting to emerging issues.

General areas of potential goals include Dr. Reiter invited DFAC members to consider include:

[1] Research priorities CoM
   a. Support funding (Bridge funding)
   b. Collaborative funds  
      (efforts involving more than one department, to enhance cross-disciplinary work)
   c. Translational research
   d. Grant writing support

[2] Clinical efforts on campus
   a. New structures – are they working
b. Revenue streams from the clinic

   a. New guidelines for chairs
   b. Clinical faculty requirements
   c. Bonus/incentives (basic and clinical)

Some of the discussion surrounding such potential goals included the possibility of urging the dean to broaden the CoM’s focus to encompass more research that is funded other than through traditional government grants.

Dr. Senogles informed DFAC that the Chancellor wants all colleges at UTHSC to devise some sort of metric for measuring educational activities in basic science (not clinical) teaching. A subcommittee from DFAC is to be formed, to work with Dr. Hofmann and Dr. Senogles to develop such a tool. Dr. Schwab wants such a tool from each College by September, per request from the Trustees that some form of metric be devised. Dr. Reiter suggested that an invitation could go out to the College of Medicine faculty in addition to soliciting volunteers from DFAC.

The purpose of such a tool was once again under discussion. It is one thing to use it to inform the Board of Trustees how much teaching goes on, on campus. It is very different to use such a tool as a basis for annual evaluation of individual faculty members. If the latter is not the goal, then it was suggested that chairs may not need to receive this information. Pres. Reiter will take the next steps toward assembling the appropriate committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on August 5, 2013, at 12:00 Noon in the Coleman building, Room A101.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

E. Haavi Morreim, JD, PhD
Secretary