I. Call to order

The president, Dr. Ron Pfeiffer, called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM in the Patio Conference Room of the William F Bowld Hospital.

II. Attendance

The following members of the committee were present:

Allen Edmonson, MD
Peter D. Jones, PhD
Stanley Kaplan, MD
William R Morris, MD
Linda Myers, MD
Ron Pfeiffer, MD
Rajendra Raghow, PhD
Bob Waters, PhD
Chris Waters, PhD

The following members were excused:

Haavi Morreim, PhD
Pamela D. Connor, PhD

III. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the July Meeting had been distributed by electronic means. A corrected copy was available for review by the committee. The minutes were approved.

IV. Old Business

A. Candidates for head of Faculty Resource Center (FRC)

The following candidates for head of the FRC were announced and their CVs reviewed.

Sherry Flax, MD
The Dean wished to have these candidates approved but not ranked by September 1, 2001. Dr. Pfeiffer had checked their schedules, and many were out of town or would be out of town during August. Dr. Pfeiffer will ask the Dean for a short extension in order to accomplish the interviews. The committee will attempt to interview them in August or early September, all on one day if possible. The committee will be sent a copy of the job description for this position and will base their questions on this information. Committee members should have specific questions in mind before the interviews.

B. Membership on the Research Committee of the Faculty Senate

The Dean has asked this committee to appoint a Member-at-large to this committee. The president did not feel that it was appropriate for a College of Medicine committee to appoint someone to a campus-wide committee. The feeling of the committee was that a clinician was needed on the committee. After much discussion, the DFAC's consensus was that the Research Committee had within its power the ability of add a new member if it wished, and that the DFAC does not have the power to do so. The president will communicate this feeling to the Dean.

V. Dean's Symposium

Dr. Bob Waters suggested plans be made for a series of combined scientific meetings bringing basic scientists and clinicians together to interact, cross-fertilize, and contribute to each side's work. The pros and cons of such a plan were discussed. Finding a time convenient to work schedules was seen as a big problem. Finding speakers who had the ability to bridge the gaps and interests between researchers and clinicians was another. The benefits of such a meeting were thought to outweigh the potential problems. A subcommittee was appointed to make specific recommendations. The sub-committee consists of the following members:

Bob Waters
Chris Waters
Peter Jones
Rajendra Raghow
Bill Morris

They will report back at a later date.
VI. **Topics for future meetings**

Dr. Pfeiffer asked the committee for topics the committee felt should be discussed at future meetings. The following were suggested:

1. Curriculum changes – Dr. Peppler
2. Budget problems – State of Tennessee
3. Status of the BIT Center
4. Changes in Tenn Care
5. UTMG problems
6. Status of teaching hospital

VII. **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday September 10, 2001, in the Patio Conference Room of the William F. Bowld Hospital.

VIII. **Adjournment**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Morris, MD
for the Secretary