Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee  
University of Tennessee, College of Medicine  

September 8, 2003  

I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Fran Tylavsky, at 12:07 PM on September 8, 2003, in the Patio on the 7th floor of the Wm. F. Bowld Hospital.  

II. Attendance  
The following members were present:  
William R. Morris, MD  
Ron Pfeiffer, MD  
Fran Tylavsky, DrPH  
Robert Waters, PhD  
Chris Waters, PhD  
Linda Myers, MD  
Kenneth Sellers, MD  
Peter Jones, PhD  
Philip Langsdon, MD  
Len Lothstein, PhD  

The following members were excused:  
Haavi Morreim, PhD  

The following guests were present:  
George Cook, PhD  

III. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the previous meeting have been reviewed electronically.  

IV. Old Business  
A. Dean's Symposium – Dr. Bob Waters reviewed for the committee the basic concepts of the symposium. Many suggestions for speakers were made. The members were encouraged to forward their ideas to President Tylavsky or to Dr. Waters. Possible locations were also discussed, with the Gibson Guitar Factory, the Methodist Hospital, and the Library as the most promising. Plans are in motion for this annual event.
V. New Business

A. New Faculty Orientation for 53 new faculty members will take place at Methodist Hospital on September 25, 2003, from 5 to 6 PM. DFAC will have representatives in attendance to acquaint the new faculty members with the purpose of the Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee.

B. Dr. George Cook was invited to speak about the status of research funding on campus. He indicated that the money for the UTHSC was divided among the following:

1. College of Medicine – funds for the COM are computed by a formula that takes one-half of the number of medical students to arrive at the number of faculty members required. The number of faculty members in then multiplied by 0.9 to derive the number of support staff required. This result is then multiplied by 0.7 to get UTHSC's share, the other 0.3 going to the East Tennessee State Medical School. When tuition was increased for the UTHSC, the budget was decreased by the same amount.

2. Department of Family Medicine – this is not a part of the COM nor under the control of the Dean of the COM.

3. Other units – College of Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Allied Health, etc.

4. Contracts

UTMG is a separate entity with its own set of problems.

He then spoke of the Bridge Funding Support. This program is designed to assist investigators that are "between grants." The maximum benefit was designed to be a one-time grant of $50,000 for one year. In FY 2000, $300,000 was allotted and $230,000 was dispensed. This resulted in the obtaining on many large grants. The return on the investment was tremendous. In FY 2002, $170,000 of the $300,000 was dispensed; in FY 2002, $20,000 was spent; and in FY2003, $190,000 was used. The unused funds for these years were not accounted for. In FY 2004 thus far (about 1 month) all of the money set aside has been used up.

Dr. Cook then advised the committee that funds in E-accounts were subject to spending without your knowledge.

Dr. Cook also indicated that at least one request for a salary increase for a technician on the Memphis campus was overturned in Knoxville even though the Memphis personnel department had approved the raise.

Dr. Cook advised the committee that we should push the Chancellor to spend more money on research.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2003, at 12:00 Noon in the usual location.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

William R. Morris, MD
For the Secretary