Honorary Degrees Approved for UTHSC

The procedure for granting honorary degrees at UTHSC was recently approved by the educational policy committee of the Faculty Senate.

According to Charles Mansbach, MD, professor in the Department of Gastroenterology and past president of the Faculty Senate, the awarding of honorary degrees gives UTHSC the ability to honor a person who has contributed to the university, as well as the benefit of bringing acclaim to the graduation ceremony.

"With this opportunity, we can highlight the contributions of individuals who have done a service to our university. They could be researchers, donors, community leaders or other notable individuals," said Dr. Mansbach.

"Also, the attendance of these individuals at the graduation ceremony lends weight to the event. It is really a great benefit for both the honoree and the university."

Each campus in the UT system can award up to three honorary degrees per year.

A nominating committee will send out a call for nominations each year and will recommend recipients. These recipients must be approved by the chancellor, president and the board of trustees before an honorary degree is awarded.

Those receiving honorary degrees are expected to fully participate in commencement exercises.

Chancellor’s Hours to Facilitate Interdisciplinary Teamwork

Beginning with the fall term, the curriculum for pre-clinical UT Health Science Center students will have an added bonus...built-in time to engage students and faculty in working with individuals from other healthcare disciplines.

Known as The Chancellor’s Hours, the program will foster an appreciation for the strengths of the various disciplines within the healthcare team; foster communication between disciplines; and increase student and faculty awareness of the broad range of resources available on the Health Science Center campus.

The hours allocated for the program will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursdays. Examples of potential team projects include preparing for the Rice Bowl, participating in interdisciplinary service learning and community outreach activities, and attending meetings with guest speakers appealing to more than one discipline.

According to Nancy Hardt, MD, the Methodist Healthcare Professor in Women’s Health and director of the UT Institute for Women’s Health, this program illustrates the university’s commitment to interdisciplinary activities. Also coordinator for The Chancellor’s Hours, Dr. Hardt stated, “This is a great opportunity for students and faculty because it virtually offers a new teaching and learning environment. By working with healthcare professionals in other areas, individuals who have common interests but may be in different professions will be brought together to collaborate on teaching and research.”

“The beauty of interdisciplinary work,” she said, “is that you have fewer medical errors and a safer healthcare environment because we can call upon each other’s strengths. These hours will give us the opportunity to learn about the strengths of various professions and how we can all work together more efficiently and effectively.”

The Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate Education Committee and deans from each of the colleges played a key role in moving this program forward.

Henry G. Herrod, MD, dean of the College of Medicine, speaks at the UTHSC Town Hall Meeting on May 24. The meeting’s focus was to provide updates on progress regarding the UT-Methodist affiliation.
The Record

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UTHSC Extends Caring to Community

UT Health Science Center students and faculty recently completed their second year of reaching out to inner city schools adjacent to campus. They presented an overview of the year’s achievements during an April meeting with Memphis City Schools executive staff, principals and teachers.

Co-sponsored by the Institute for Women’s Health, Federal Express and the National Institutes of Health Minority K-12 Initiative in Science, the program has numerous benefits to UTHSC students and faculty. These include: an application of classroom knowledge, team and community learning rather than individual learning, collective instruction, and active learning. The program’s goals are to provide a service learning experience for health professions students and to encourage interdisciplinary teamwork.

Bowld Update

The UT Bowld Hospital transplant program is being moved to Methodist University Hospital beginning the week of July 19. Methodist University Hospital has completed a staffing plan to integrate this program into its existing services. Last week, the Bowld leadership team met with each Bowld associate to let them know whether their position with the transplant program will be transitioned to MUH.

For those whose positions will not be transferred, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare is making every effort to help these associates apply for open positions. Also they are providing assistance with career fairs, resume writing and interview skills training.

UT Bowld Hospital has served Mid-South patients for nearly forty years. During that time period, Bowld associates have been dedicated to providing excellent and innovative patient care. We appreciate the hard work and commitment of everyone on the Bowld team.

Please join us in supporting our UT Bowld colleagues as they move into the next phase of their careers.

Growth Seen in Tennessee Economy

Pushed by personal income and job growth, Tennessee’s economy will outpace the nation’s over the next two years, a UT economic forecast says.

The spring 2004 Tennessee Business and Economic Outlook says manufacturing jobs in both the state and the U.S. remain in a slump, but Tennessee will see slight growth in this sector in 2006.

Most of Tennessee’s new jobs over the next two years will be in the service sector, health care and education, the UT Center for Business and Economic Research forecast says.

After averaging 5.8 percent in 2003, Tennessee’s unemployment rate is projected to fall to 4.4 percent in the third quarter of 2006, the report says. Wages, adjusted for inflation, should rise 2.7 percent this year and 3.8 percent in 2005.
On April 6, UTHSC hosted an event at the Peabody to celebrate a generous gift by the Tarnowski family to establish the Edsel T. Bucovaz Endowment and the Joseph Tarnowski Family Endowment.

Joseph Tarnowski, PhD, received his doctorate in biochemistry from UTHSC in 1979 and studied in Dr. Bucovaz’s laboratory. He is currently senior vice president of manufacturing operations and product development at Imclone Systems Inc. He has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 22 years, focusing primarily on research, development and commercialization of products made using recombinant DNA technology.

The establishment of these funds will allow the College of Graduate Health Sciences to supplement stipends for two graduate students in the Integrated Program of Biomedical Sciences each year. According to Sue Harpole, vice chancellor for development, partnerships like these continue to advance the college by allowing it to recruit, retain, educate and train high-quality students.

Dr. Bucovaz joined the faculty of UTHSC in 1964 and has done groundbreaking work, most notably with B proteins.

Schaberg Recognized as Master Physician by ACP

Dennis R. Schaberg, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, has been recognized as a master physician by the American College of Physicians.

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is the nation’s largest medical specialty society with a mission to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

Masters comprise a small group of highly distinguished physicians selected from among Fellows, who have achieved recognition in medicine by exhibiting preeminence in practice or medical research, holding positions of high honor, or making significant contributions to medical science or the art of medicine. They are recommended by the Awards Committee for election to Mastership by the Board of Regents.

Dean of the UT College of Medicine, Henry G. Herrod, MD, commented, “This is a very prestigious award, and we are honored to have someone of Dr. Schaberg’s caliber serving the university.”
Guidelines for Electronic Communications on Campus

List Serve Guidelines:

To help accommodate the need to deliver information to as many people on campus as possible in a timely manner, four “campus-wide” mailing lists have been created. Also, every effort is being made to ensure that each message is targeted to the appropriate audience. To aid in enhancing electronic communications on campus, following are details pertaining to each list.

Questions, concerns, or suggestions for improving the campus’ electronic communications can be made to Elizabeth Maynard-Garrett, University Relations, 448-4957 or emaynard@utmem.edu.

**campus@listserv.utmem.edu**

A mailing list of all students, employees, and others across the UTHSC campus. This list is made up of individuals and groups found in the university’s directory (http://directory.utk.edu) who have an e-mail address that ends in “@utmem.edu” and have a blank “Left UT” date.

Postings to this list may be made by any member of the list. All postings sent to: campus@listserv.utmem.edu will be reviewed within a four-hour period (except those sent during non-business hours) by University Relations. Postings are limited in size to 40KB, attachments are not permitted, and postings are filtered of HTML and other “mime” type encoding so that all intended recipients can view the message. Posting in “plain text” is highly encouraged to this list.

Messages sent to students must pertain to UT business and should be relevant to the majority of students.

**students@listserv.utmem.edu**

A mailing list similar to “campus” but containing only student accounts. All postings sent to: students@listserv.utmem.edu, whether by members or “non-members,” are reviewed within a four-hour period (except those sent during non-business hours) by University Relations. Postings are limited in size to 40KB, attachments are not permitted, and postings are filtered of HTML and other “mime” type encoding so that all intended recipients can view the message. Posting in “plain text” is highly encouraged to this list.

Messages sent to students must pertain to UT business and should be relevant to the majority of students.

**staff@listserv.utmem.edu**

This list encompasses all employees of the university except those employees who serve as faculty. All postings sent to: staff@listserv.utmem.edu, whether by members or “non-members,” are reviewed within a four-hour period (except those sent during non-business hours) by the Office of Equity and Diversity. Postings are limited in size to 40KB, attachments are not permitted, and postings are filtered of HTML and other “mime” type encoding so that all intended recipients can view the message. Posting in “plain text” is highly encouraged.

Messages sent to staff must pertain to UT business and should be relevant to the majority of staff members.

**faculty@listserv.utmem.edu**

This list is maintained for employees of the university who serve as faculty as determined by codes from IRIS. Members of the list may post without moderation. Limited non-member postings are permitted after review (within four hours except during non-business hours) by University Relations. Postings may contain attachments and are not filtered for content.

Messages sent to: faculty@listserv.utmem.edu must pertain to UT business and should be relevant to most faculty.

**Another list Option:**

**aib@listserv.utmem.edu**

This unmoderated list is for anyone who has signed up to be a member. Postings should be sent to: aib@listserv.utmem.edu. Also, it provides the perfect option for communicating bulletin board information pertaining to topics such as events and death announcements.

Communicating Events:

In an effort to have a centralized location for campus events and to minimize the number of e-mails announcing events, everyone is encouraged to send upcoming event announcements for submission to the calendar section of The Record, which is published twice a month. Each issue will be published on-line, and the calendar will soon be available from the Quick Links column on the right hand side of the Health Science Center website: www.utmem.edu.

If an event is scheduled with less than two weeks for planning, every effort will be made to ensure the message is sent to the appropriate audience. Questions and information may be sent to: bwuiffe@utmem.edu; 448-4954.
3  Forensic Nursing: Challenges, Choices, and Strategies  
   Dr. Lynda Doll, Keynote Address  
   Memphis Marriott Downtown.  
   Continuing education contact hours will be given for nurses  
   More info: 448-6407.

   Dr. Stephen M. Stahl  
   11 a.m., TBA  
   More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu

8  “The Clinical Trials Process: What Does This Have to Do with Me?”  
   Human Subject Protections Research Forum  
   Janie Gardner  
   Noon, 910 Madison Suite 808 Conference Room  
   More info: msaucier@utmem.edu

9  Reception for Pat and Joe Johnson  
   1 - 2:30 p.m., SAC

14 “Secondary Bacterial Pneumonia Following Influenza”  
   Dr. Jon McCullers  
   4 p.m., Link Auditorium  
   More info: gbryne@utmem.edu

15 TITAN: “Time for a Booster Shot: Diagnostic Presenting Features of Infectious Diseases”  
   Dr. Robert E. Morrison  
   1 p.m., GEB A304/Simulcast in Coleman North Auditorium  
   More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu

17 “T2b2: Obesity in Children”  
   Margo Wooten  
   8 a.m., LeBonheur Auditorium  
   More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu

   TITAN: “Managing Bioterror Fears with Rapid and Accurate Health Risk Communication: Resources for Health Care Professionals.”  
   Dr. Susan L. Dimmick  
   11:30 a.m., GEB A304  
   More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu

21 “Women and Depression: The Role of the Menstrual Cycle”  
   Dr. Merry Miller  
   11 a.m., Coleman South Auditorium  
   More info: uleflore@utmem.edu

   “Vaccines and Immune Responses to Influenza”  
   Dr. Richard J. Webby  
   4 p.m., Link Auditorium  
   More info: gbryne@utmem.edu

24 “Pharmacogenomics: Moving Toward Individualized Drug Therapy”  
   Dr. Michel Eichelbaum  
   10 a.m., GEB A102  
   More info: mjacks@utmem.edu
Investigators conducting human subjects research projects must promptly report all serious adverse events, deaths and unanticipated problems to the UTHSC Institutional Review Board (IRB).

The IRB has revised the form for reporting the adverse events or unanticipated problems. The new Form 4 may be found at the IRB Website at www.utmem.edu/irb. The new Form 4 becomes effective June 1. Contact the IRB office at 448-4824 with questions.

Biomedical Instrumentation will be accepting and processing all work requests for computers, laboratory equipment, microscopes and mechanical repairs received throughout the month of June. However, only work requested and completed by June 4 may qualify for billing in FY 2004. If you presently have work-in-process that must be billed in this fiscal year, please contact them by June 4 at 448-5652.

Requisitions for purchases requiring bids totaling less than $10,000 and those purchases totaling $10,000 or more not requiring bids (contract and approved non-competitive purchases) must be approved in IRIS and received in Purchasing Services by June 11. In processing requisitions to meet these deadlines, time should be allowed for workflow approval, Treasurer’s Office approval for asset purchases, and approval of non-competitive justification forms. Requisitions received after these dates will be processed as time permits.

If you have any questions, contact Vic Crutchfield at: vcrutchfield@utmem.edu or 448-7271.

The Department of Computing and Telecommunications provides students, faculty and staff with free computer training to improve productivity, efficiency and knowledge. The lab environment is based on the Windows platform and can accommodate up to 40 people. There is an instructor station, projector and SMART Board™ to assist the instructor with the delivery of the materials.

Classes are usually less than 12 people, which allows more time for individual questions and interaction. Each student has a computer to experience the software hands-on. The courses cover Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, FrontPage and many more. Class calendars are posted to the computer training Website, www.utmem.edu/training, each month. Course manuals are also available for download from the Website. Registration is required. To register, visit www.utmem.edu/training/register.html or contact Tricia Page at ppage@utmem.edu or 448-3839.

UTHSC students, faculty and staff also have an opportunity to register for Computer Based Training (CBT), which is provided by Knoxville. CBT allows individuals to work at their own speed through course modules at their office desk or from home. There are over 800 courses available as CBT. Visit http://oit.utk.edu/cbt/ to register. After receiving the CBT account information from Knoxville, install the necessary plug-ins to run the CBT tool. Certificates are provided upon completion of the course by contacting Bruce Delaney (bdelaney@utk.edu).