Owen Named New Chancellor for UTHSC

William (Bill) F. Owen, Jr., MD, has been named the tenth chancellor of the UT Health Science Center and vice president for health affairs, effective mid-April.

He will succeed Interim Chancellor Bill Rice, who stepped down as chancellor in 2002 after serving in that capacity for ten years. Rice returned as interim chancellor in December 2003 after Interim Chancellor Jim Gibb Johnson, MD, retired from the position.

Dr. Owen has served as chief scientist for Baxter Healthcare Corporation’s Renal division in McGaw Park, Ill. for the past three years while holding an adjunct appointment as professor of medicine at Duke University School of Medicine. He was recently named a senior scholar at Duke’s Fuqua School of Business in its health sector management program.

A native Memphian, Dr. Owen has a strong background covering academic medicine, clinical healthcare and scientific research. His academic career includes 25 years of experience with Harvard Medical School and Duke University, while his clinical experience includes 12 years as a clinical and academic staff physician with Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. As a research scientist, he has garnered approximately ten million dollars in external funding and is well-published with approximately 200 journal articles, scientific reviews and editorials; 23 book chapters; and two books on dialysis and transplantation.

UT President John Petersen commented, “I am so pleased to appoint Dr. Owen to this position. His depth and breadth of experience in all facets of healthcare administration will serve the Health Science Center well.”

Also, he has been elected to the national board of directors for the American Association of Kidney Patients, which represents 12,000 members nationally. Other positions he holds include: national board member for the Renal Physicians Association, medical advisory board member for the American Association of Kidney Patients, immediate past president of the Renal Physicians Association, and president of the Renal Education Foundation.

Dr. Owen holds a bachelor’s degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I., and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. He completed an internship and residency in medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, as well as fellowships in nephrology, transplantation and immunology.

With a passion for improving the quality of clinical care for patients with end stage renal disease, Dr. Owen works with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services on several advisory and monitoring committees.

“I am thrilled to be returning to Memphis,” said Dr. Owen. “All of the community leaders and everyone at the university were wonderful during the search process. I look forward to engaging with all of the university’s constituencies and stakeholders to ensure that our Health Science Center continues to provide the highest quality healthcare education, clinical care, research and community health service for the citizens of Tennessee.”

Dr. Owen and his wife, Alice, have two children: Lauren and William F. Owen, III.
UT Trustees Approve Increase to Size of Pharmacy Classes

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees unanimously approved a request from the College of Pharmacy to significantly increase class size during its quarterly meeting held in Chattanooga this week. The proposal was initiated due to concerns both nationally and in the state of Tennessee over the shortage of pharmacists.

Effective with the fall 2005 entering class, the number of students will go from 125 to 175; it will then increase to 200 in the fall of 2006. The newly approved proposal will allow the college to expand its current satellite campus in Knoxville and also expand clinical education centers in Nashville, Tri-Cities, Jackson and Chattanooga. The college has clinical rotation sites in 37 Tennessee counties and expects to expand this number with the increased class size, expanding its rural, community pharmacy, and statewide focus.

“Due to a significant increase in the elderly population and a number of ongoing developments impacting medication costs and prescription monitoring, a shortage of pharmacists has become a national concern,” said Dick Gourley, PharmD, dean of the college. “For example, enrollment at U.S. pharmacy schools has increased from 32,000 in 1999 to 43,000 in 2003.”

He stated, “For the past decade we have been proactive in addressing the workforce needs of Tennessee. During that time period, class size has been increased twice (from 70 to 100 in 1995 and 100 to 125 in 2002). Two of the college’s advisory boards recommended increasing class size to a minimum of 200 students. This action was deferred until space issues were resolved and the increase to 125 was completed.”

Dr. Gourley stressed that no additional state funding will be needed to accommodate the proposal.

By 2009, total enrollment at the college will be 800 students, with 200 graduates per year, resulting in 35.7 graduates per million, which surpasses the national average of 28 graduates per million.

The College of Pharmacy has consistently been ranked in the top ten by U.S. News and World Report for the past decade. Also, the college has the largest number (69) of board-certified pharmacy practice faculty members in the U.S.

To enhance the college’s ability to meet future needs, plans are moving forward on a new $42.8 million building approved by the state last year. Scheduled for completion in 2008, this facility will take the place of the six buildings (some dating back to 1928) currently used by pharmacy students and faculty. The new building will be designed to accommodate up to 350 students per class and will be equipped to embrace new technologies and innovative research.

UTHSC Med Students to Present Service Learning Posters

Students from the College of Medicine will present posters describing their service learning activities on March 17 in the lobby of the 920 Madison building from noon - 2 p.m.

According to Nancy Hardt, MD, Methodist Healthcare Professor in Women’s Health, all students are expected to participate in service learning, which is intended to take classroom learning and apply it in a community setting to benefit the citizens of Memphis and Shelby County. Service learning encourages students to give thought to the root causes of health problems, and to seek solutions through public and private partnerships. Students are expected to demonstrate their commitment to community at all points in a health professional career, even during school.
Kristin S. Beizai, MD, assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry, has received the prestigious Nancy C.A. Roeske Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education from the American Psychiatric Association. The award is presented annually to a small number of selected nominees who have made outstanding and sustaining contributions to medical student education.

Memphis dermatologist and clinical professor Rex A. Amonette, MD, was presented with the American Academy of Dermatology’s highest award at its annual meeting in New Orleans in February.

The Gold Medal award recognizes outstanding service to the specialty of dermatology, as well as substantial impact on the future of the science, teaching and practice of cutaneous medicine.

Clark M. Blatteis, PhD, professor in the Department of Physiology, will chair the featured topic, “Pyrogen-Sensing and Suppressing Pathways Mediating the Febrile Response” at the International Union of Physiological Sciences, to be held jointly with the American Physiological Society and Experimental Biology, at the 2005 annual meetings in San Diego from March 30 to April 6.

Dr. Blatteis has been a leading investigator in the mechanisms of infectious fever production since the early 1970s.

Nancy J. Williams, EdD, professor in the Department of Dental Hygiene, has been invited to give a lecture on tobacco research at the upcoming 83rd General Session of the International/American Association for Dental Research to be held in Baltimore.

Recent Grants

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In Memoriam

The UTHSC community extends condolences to:

Beverly Avis, sergeant in Campus Police, whose mother, Irma Avis, died February 28.

The friends and family of Paulette Catron, administrative secretary in the Department of Psychiatry, who died February 14.

Congratulations

Tamara Gravely-Griffin, assistant professor in the Department of Biologic and Diagnostic Sciences, on the birth of a baby girl on Feb 19.
Meet the UTHSC HR Staff

A Message from:

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Linda Jackson
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Primary Duties:
- Recruit for regular staff positions
- Responsible for hiring and maintaining Temporary Pool
- Responsible for unemployment claims and information
- Responsible for commercial driver’s license information

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If you would like to help, contact Dr. Arthur Geller (ageller@utmem.edu) or Dr. James O’Donnell (jodonnell@utmem.edu). The support of the scientific and academic community is essential to make the science fair a success.
Established by UTHSC policy in April 2004, Chancellor’s Hours set aside time for colleges to work cooperatively in teaching, learning and community service. The vision and mission guiding Chancellor’s Hours are set forth so that all members of the UTHSC community can find ways to participate in these activities.

**Vision:** The University of Tennessee Health Science Center will produce the next generation of health professionals with extraordinary appreciation of a) the importance of intercollegiate teamwork on behalf of patients; and b) personal commitment to reaching out to the community at every stage of career development.

**Mission:** To provide opportunities to each health science center student for intercollegiate teamwork on behalf of patients. To provide opportunities to each health science center student to ascertain the needs of the community we live in and, further, to apply our new knowledge and skills to improving the quality of life in this community.

**Chancellor’s Hours Most Frequently Asked Questions:**

**What are Chancellor’s Hours?**
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**What activities take place during those hours?**
Activities that foster intercollegiate teaching, learning and community outreach activities.

**Is attendance at these activities required?**
Documentation of participation in, grading of, and awarding of credit for Chancellor’s Hours activities will be determined by the colleges. It is expected that all students will participate in a variety of intercollegiate activities. It is expected that all students will participate in community outreach. Some activities will incorporate both intercollegiate teamwork and community outreach.

**Are intercollegiate teaching, learning and community outreach restricted to the hours of noon - 2 p.m. on Thursdays?**
No.

If we wish to publicize activities to take place during Chancellor’s Hours, whom should we notify?
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Faculty Senate  
January 18, 2005

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 14, 2004 meeting were approved. These minutes will be sent to The Record for publication and to Cindy Russell, until a Webmaster can be named, for publication on the Senate Website.

President-elect Pfeffer introduced Dr. Tom Singarella, professor and director of the library. Dr. Singarella gave an in-depth power-point presentation on “The Health Sciences Library.” An informative question-and-answer period followed.

Announcements and Correspondence: The Legislative Evening will be held this Thursday, Jan. 20, 305 SAC starting at 6 p.m. If you haven’t sent Dianne an e-mail advising if you will attend, please do so by tomorrow. President Petersen will also attend and several legislators will be in attendance.

New Business: We are asking for a volunteer to be the Senate Webmaster. If any of you are interested, please contact President Malik, President-Elect Pfeffer, or Senator Nutting.

Old Business: The chancellor’s search committee met last Friday and submitted the following names to President Petersen as the finalists: Deborah German, MD, William Owens, MD, David Stern, MD, and Antonia Novello, MD. Hopefully, we will have a new Chancellor by the end of the first quarter.

Committee Reports:

A. Budget and Benefits: None

B. Educational Policy: None

C. Faculty Affairs Committee: An attempt was made to have a meeting last week. Only one committee member was in attendance. Another meeting is scheduled for next month.

D. Faculty Communications Committee: None

E. Faculty Research Committee: Vicki Mercer from Blackboard came to our meeting and updated us concerning the survey coming out from Blackboard, that will be more educational and research orientated. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 1 p.m., 101 Hyman. Sue Harpole will be our guest speaker to present how the Development Office might be able to help research.

For those of you that are involved in animal research, we are having an open forum on January 28, 101 Hyman at 1 p.m. There has been a number of issues relative to animal use so what we are trying to do is get an understanding of what these issues are.

F. IT Committee: A meeting was held on January 12. A motion was made to put forward the document management system for the campus. This was sent to Chancellor Rice and was discussed with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Chancellor Rice reported at that meeting that the administration was working on that topic. Chuck Fitch is supposed to meet with Chancellor Rice to get clarification but to date has not had that meeting.

An interim report on the progress made in response to the IT Committee report, “A Prioritized List of Information Technology Requirements for The University of Tennessee Health Science Center in the Areas of Education, Professional Service, and Research” was forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Lisa Aitken, who was sitting in for Chuck Fitch, informed us about the upcoming requirement to change all of our passwords for the NetID system. This will have to be done every 6 months. This is not the idea of this campus but is coming directly from Knoxville.

G. Legislative Resource Group: None

Library Advisory Committee  
February 16, 2005

Dr. Singarella welcomed the committee, provided an overview of the library budget, and discussed journal and electronic databases, and that the library faculty continue to evaluate online resources. The library expects to drop a number of print titles in favor of online access only in order to decrease expenditures. He stated that the four library positions that were taken at the beginning of this fiscal year to help pay for journal and e-database inflation would be returned to the library budget on July 1, and that the library is actively recruiting to fill the position of Web Services Librarian, but would not hire someone until after July 1.

Dr. Singarella discussed several additional items including a revised library security policy for visitors, his presentation on the library to the Faculty Senate on Jan. 18, and an update on the demo trial of the library Institutional Repository (IR) for the campus. He also discussed the possibility of securing volunteers for the library, particularly in the historical collections area.

Lois Bellamy discussed her continuing evaluation of a pay-for-print system. Library communication efforts to the campus were discussed, and that the winter issue of the library newsletter (INFOnews) will be electronic only.

Dr. John Silver discussed the library Multimedia Laboratory and provided an overview of services. He played a video showing how the Multimedia Laboratory delivers digital instruction, and how faculty members can use the Digital Media Workshop to digitize slides and create digital video. He discussed how students view histology pre-laboratory videos by copying the videos to their own CDs, by accessing the videos on the Internet, or by viewing them in the Multimedia Lab. He discussed how the library could help instructors and researchers to digitize existing video and to create new video productions. The library charges only for the materials used in the process.
15  Title TBA
   Dennis Drayna
   Noon, Link Auditorium
   More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

16  “Fat Absorption: Cool Things You Have to Know”
   Dr. Charles Mansbach
   8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
   More info: bedman@utmem.edu

17  “Cystic Fibrosis: Ion Channels and Transmembrane Transporters”
   Dr. Jeffrey J. Wine
   3:30 p.m., 526 Nash
   More info: 448-5822

21  “Extrinsic Regulation of Innate Immunity and Inflammation”
   Dr. Peter Murray
   4 p.m., Link Auditorium
   More info: mradic@utmem.edu

22  Title TBA
   Dr. Jannon Fuchs
   Noon, Link Auditorium
   More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

23  “Managing Patients with Chronic Stable Angina”
   Dr. Sankey V. Williams
   8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
   More info: bedman@utmem.edu

24  “Protein Aggregation in Aqueous Solution: Pathways and Inhibition”
   Dr. John Carpenter
   1 p.m., Link Auditorium
   More info: jbogue@utmem.edu

28  “The Paramyxovirus Fusion (F) Protein: A One-time-use Machine”
   Dr. Charles J. Russell
   4 p.m., Link Auditorium
   More info: hjarrett@utmem.edu

29  “Short-term and Long-term Regulation of Channels in Auditory and Olfactory Neurons”
   Dr. Len Kaczmarek
   Noon, Link Auditorium
   More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

30  “Malnutrition, Inflammation and Atherosclerosis Syndrome”
   Dr. Arif Showkat
   8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
   More info: bedman@utmem.edu

   Title TBA
   Dr. Janet Neisewander
   12:30, Link Auditorium
   More info: jfountain@utmem.edu

5  “Constructing a Model of How the Cerebellum May Contribute to Adaptive Timing and Sequence Learning”
   Dr. Daniel Bullock
   Noon, Link Auditorium
   More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

6  Title TBA
   Dr. Daniel Kilpatrick
   12:30, Link Auditorium
   More info: jfountain@utmem.edu

7-8  2005 Advanced Practice Pharmacology Update
   U of M Holiday Inn, 3700 Central Ave.
   More info: mmrobinson@utmem.edu

12  “GABAergic Regulation of Substantia Nigra Dopaminergic Neurons”
   Dr. Jim Tepper
   Noon, Link Auditorium
   More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu