

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Time Called to Order: 5:18 P.M.
Time Adjourned: 6:03 P.M.
Meeting Schedule: Held quarterly

Members Present: Assembly open to all UNTHSC faculty members (approximately 65 attended)

Recorded by: Shay Singleterry, Faculty Affairs

TOPIC / AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Call to Order	Dr. Bob Mallet, President of the Faculty Senate, called the assembly to order at 5:18 PM.	
Welcome and Introduction – Dr. Robert Mallet, President, UNTHSC Faculty Senate	Dr. Mallet welcomed the faculty to the assembly. He stated this would be an abbreviated meeting so that they could enjoy the Holiday Reception immediately following the assembly. All those present were encouraged to stay for the reception following the assembly.	
Introduction of New Faculty	Dr. Rusty Reeves, Director - Center for Anatomical Sciences Magdalena Muchlinski, PhD – Associate Professor Scott Maddux, PhD – Assistant Professor	
Campus Update – Dr. Claire Peel, Interim Provost	Dr. Peel thanked everyone for coming and she appreciated the opportunity to provide the following updates to the Assembly: Institute for Patient Safety – Dr. Peel introduced Thomas Diller, MD, MMM, CPE, CMQ as the Executive Director of the Institute for Patient Safety. She looks forward to working with him on getting this institute up and running. There would be more information available at a later date. Faculty Polices & Bylaws – The Faculty Senate has approved the most recent revisions to the UNTHSC Faculty Bylaws & Policies. They will now go to the Office of General Counsel for approval by the legal team. Dr. Peel is going to meet with them after the winter break. Dr. Peel thanked the Faculty Bylaw & Policy Committee and the Faculty Senate for their hard work in getting the Bylaws & Policies revised and approved. Over 60+ hours was spent by both committees working on them. President’s Councils – There was an overwhelming response from the faculty expressing interest in being on one of the President’s Councils. Over 200 faculty members responded and of these 50 were	

<p>Campus Update – Dr. Claire Peel, Interim Provost (continued)</p>	<p>selected to be on the Councils. The Councils would begin meeting and start working after the winter break. Dr. Peel would share information about the Councils and their work as it becomes available. Faculty Recognition Awards – The criteria and guidelines for the new Faculty Recognition Award program has been finalized and the selection committee was being created. The plan is to have the program implemented and the first awards announced later in the spring at commencement. SCoP Dean’s Retirement – Dr. Myron Jacobson, Dean of the System College of Pharmacy is retiring. There will be a reception on December 19th. The Interim Dean will be Dr. Tina Machu.</p>	
<p>Faculty Survey of Administration-Part I – Dr. Robert Mallet, President, Senate</p>	<p>The Faculty Senate Survey of Administration-Part I was completed back earlier in the fall. There was a robust response to the survey. Over 200 faculty members took the survey. Dr. Mallet presented a summary of the survey information with the assembly. Please see the PowerPoint Presentation for details on the survey summary.</p>	<p>A copy of Dr. Mallet’s presentation is attached to these minutes.</p>
<p>Research & Innovation Update – Dr. Anuja Ghorpade, Interim Vice-President for Research & Innovation</p>	<p>Dr. Ghorpade thanked Dr. Mallet for the opportunity to give an update to the Assembly. Dr. Ghorpade has been the Interim Vice President of Research & Innovation. She is still a faculty member. One of her goals is to retain our faculty members. Below are highlights from Dr. Ghorpade’s PowerPoint Presentation: Division of Research & Innovation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Lab Animal Medicine (DLAM) • Office of Grants & Contracts Management (OGCM) • Office of Research Development & Commercialization (ORDC) • Office of Research Compliance (ORC) • Office of the Vice President for Research • Regulatory Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federally mandated: Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Radiation Safety, Research Conflict of Interest ○ Other: Research Advisory Council, Research Integrity <p>The 21st Century ‘CURES’ Act passes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By votes of 392 to 26 in the House on Nov. 30 & • 94 to 5 in the Senate a week later! On its way for the president’s signature • Product of three years of work, largely in the House, with former and current officials from the FDA and NIH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reauthorizes NIH increases for three fiscal years (2018-2020) ○ funds a new NIH Innovation Fund at \$4.8 B over ten fiscal years (2017-2026) to support large-scale NIH initiatives, including Precision Medicine (\$1.455 B); BRAIN Initiative (\$1.511 B); Cancer (\$1.8 B), and clinical research to advance regenerative medicine using adult stem cells (\$30 M). ○ Includes a new “Next Generation of Researchers Initiative” managed out of the Director’s office— although not specifically funded, could result in grant award opportunities for early-stage investigators and reduce the age of first-time awardees. 	<p>A copy of Dr. Ghorpade’s presentation is attached to these minutes.</p>

<p>Research & Innovation Update – Dr. Anuja Ghorpade, Interim Vice-President for Research & Innovation (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improves the loan repayment program. ○ FDA initiatives funded at \$500 M over the same ten-year period. <p>Short-term continuing resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) (H.R. 2028) was passed to prevent a government shutdown and continue funding for federal programs and services until April 28, 2017. ○ Includes Funding for the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016 - \$872 million in funding to boost critical medical research, drug approval, and drug abuse efforts. <p>Budget-planning/cuts Proposed for FY17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research Division was cut by 7% as a Non-Academic unit to include proposed cuts in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seed grants/Pilot projects funding ○ Core Equipment Support ○ Travel and Training <p>Priorities – First 100 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Know your People / Know your Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual 1:1 meetings with staff ○ Followed by group meetings for function ○ Division Retreat – September 2016 ○ Monthly division get-togethers ○ Several, hours-long meetings with OGC ○ Identify Key Organizational Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consistent Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Within the division, across the institution and with external entities ○ Transparency with Clarity ○ Efficiency with appropriate sense of urgency ○ Strategic Initiatives and Projects <p>Priority Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establish a unified research office ‘presence’. Teams for: ○ Website Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brochure ○ Outreach Activities (e.g. Tech Transfer) ○ Training curriculum – New faculty ‘research’ orientation ○ Continuous Improvement ○ Regular Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acquire an Office of the VPR email account ○ Monthly OGCM Compliance Bulletin and Points of Interest ○ Start Quarterly Newsletter from VPR’s office ○ Request feedback as to what should we Stop, Start, Continue & Improve ○ Enhance awareness for Time & Effort certification and research compliance, Improve processes 	
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<p>Research & Innovation Update – Dr. Anuja Ghorpade, Interim Vice-President for Research & Innovation (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Define our role in the new ‘institutes’ model <p>Other Strategic Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aligned with strategic plan 2.2: Expand educational & research programs ○ Community IRB Initiative ○ Cx Precision Medicine ○ LabArchives <p>Community IRB Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review by FTI consulting for Health Solutions ○ On-site follow-up with JPS, Acclaim and UNTHSC ○ In-works dialog with TCU ○ Working groups established for structure and governance <p>News & Reminders from Research Division Departments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Office of Research Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All human subject research protocols involving human bio-specimens need IBC (BioSafety Committee) approvals. Email notices were sent to investigators along with regular posting in the Daily News. ○ Two Office of Research Compliance staff members were selected for the Leadership “InSpire” program for emerging leaders/managers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amanda Oglesby (starting in January) ○ Itzel Pena Perez (just finishing) ○ Office of Grants & Contracts Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In response to an uptick in federal oversight of sponsored project costs, the Division of Research and Innovation has implemented annual mandatory sponsored project compliance training. This training must be attended by all faculty who have been a PI on a sponsored project within the last five years at HSC. Because of the heightened attention in this area, training must be completed by the end of the calendar year. Failure to attend the training may result in restrictions regarding proposal submission, F&A distribution, project set-up and ultimately freezing of current project funding. ○ President’s Council for Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anuja Ghorpade (Interim VPR, Cabinet) ○ Vicki Cannon (Clinical Trials) ○ Yi-Qiang (Eric) Cheng (Pharmaceutical Science, COP) ○ Abe Clark (NTERI, L125) ○ Stuart Flynn (MD School, Dean) ○ Johnny He, (GSBS, HSCFellows) ○ Robert Luedtke (Neuroscience, Faculty Senate) ○ Robert McClain (Res Dev & Comm, HSCFellows) ○ Jennifer Severance (Geriatrics, TCOM) ○ Edgar “Mauricio” Vecino (Internal Medicine, Inspire) 	
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New Business – Dr. Robert Mallet, President, UNTHSC Faculty Senate	<p>The second phase of the Faculty Senate Survey of Administration will be sent out to all faculty members in early spring. Please be sure to participate and encourage your colleagues to do so as well.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Dr. Mallet thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them that immediately following the assembly, there is a Holiday Reception being hosted by Dr. Yorio and Dr. Williams. All in attendance were encouraged take this opportunity to get to know more of their colleagues. The Assembly adjourned at 6:03 PM.</p>	

Minutes approved for distribution.

Next Faculty Assembly will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.