

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**  
**FACULTY ASSEMBLY**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
**Time Called to Order:** 5:18 P.M.  
**Time Adjourned:** 6:07 P.M.  
**Meeting Schedule:** Held quarterly

**Members Present:** Assembly open to all UNTHSC faculty members (approximately 75 attended)

**Recorded by:** Shay Singleterry, Faculty Affairs

TOPIC / AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION
<b>Call to Order</b>	Dr. Amy Moss, President of the Faculty Senate, called the assembly to order at 5:18 PM.	
<b>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</b>	Dr. Moss welcomed the faculty to the assembly. She said she hoped all those present would stay for the reception following the assembly.	
<b>Introduction of New Faculty</b>	<p><b>Dr. Richard Kurz introduced the new SPH – Biostatistics &amp; Epidemiology faculty:</b> Melvin (Doug) Livingston, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor</p> <p><b>Dr. Myron Jacobson introduced the new SCOP – Pharmaceutical Science faculty:</b> Jin Liu, PhD. – Assistant Professor</p> <p><b>Dr. Hank Lemke introduced the new SHP – Physician Assistant Program faculty:</b> Kimberly Meyer, Ph.D., MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA – Associate Professor PA Meyer also had her therapy dog Mikey with her.</p>	
<b>Introduction of Dr. Dean Dillon by Dr. Thomas Yorio, Provost</b>	Dr. Yorio introduced Dr. Dean Dillon, Vice-Provost for Health Institutes.	

**UNTHSC Health  
Institutes Update –  
Dr. Glenn Dillon**

Dr. Dillon provided an update on the UNTHSC Health Institutes. Highlights from his PowerPoint Presentation:

- Institutes will Facilitate interdisciplinary research and educational initiatives at UNTHSC
- Target areas with research strength, opportunity
- Up to ten institutes envisioned, many with centers
- Two phases
  - Sept 2015 launch
  - 2016 launch
- September 1, 2015 (Re)Launch:
  - The Institute for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Disease (Executive Director, Steve Mifflin, PhD)
  - The Institute for Healthy Aging (Exec Dir, Michael Forster, PhD)
  - The Mental Sciences Institute (Exec Dir, Alan Podawiltz, DO)
  - The North Texas Eye Research Institute (Exec Dir, Abe Clark, PhD)
- 2016 Launch:
  - Human Movement
  - Molecular Diagnostics, Therapeutics Development
  - Molecular Medicine
  - Patient Safety
  - Population Health, Health Disparities
  - Primary Care
- Process for Phase 1
  - Faculty recruited into one of the four institutes
    - Can choose to associate with another institute
  - Allocation of budget to Institute from home department, including staff
  - Many faculty will remain in home department for FY16
    - Should associate with an Institute by Fall 2016
  - Opportunity to change institutes to optimize fit
- Working through key items
  - Promotion and Tenure
  - Annual Review
  - Staff support

Dr. Dillon said he is happy to meet with any faculty and or staff group to discuss the Health Institutes at the HSC. He is meeting with the Faculty Senate at their June meeting to share this information with them so they can then go back to their schools/colleges and provide an update to their colleagues.

It was asked when the faculty members would be notified of their institute assignments. Dr. Dillon stated that they would receive notification within the next month.

**Dr. Dillon's PowerPoint is  
attached to this document.**

<p><b>Legislative Session Update and Campus Carry Update – Mr. Danny Jensen, Vice President of Governmental Affairs</b></p>	<p>Dr. Williams was on the agenda to give an update on the recent State of Texas Legislative Session, however he was not able to do so and this update was provided by Mr. Danny Jensen, Vice-President of Governmental Affairs. Mr. Jensen also provided the assembly with an update on the recent passage of the Campus Carry bill.</p> <p><b>Legislative Session Update:</b> There were 682 Bills presented at the recent legislative session that would or could have an effect on the HSC. There were two major disappointments during this session: 1. The creation of an MD school at the HSC did not come up during the session. 2. The passing of the Campus Carry bill. The budget awarded to the HSC was better this year than in previous years. The HSC was granted \$80 in a tuition revenue bond to help in the construction of the new building to be used for the SCOP and research. HEAF funding awarded for FY2016 is \$17 million. And there will be \$17 million awarded for the next eleven years. This is an increase over previous years. This was based in large part to Dr. Williams request for funds to a Patient Safety Institute as well as Dr. Eisenberg’s work on missing persons and DNA research, and our Alzheimer research program will receive funding.</p> <p><b>Campus Carry Bill Update:</b> The bill was passed and will go into effect on August 1, 2016. President Williams requested a special exemption for Dr. Eisenberg’s Criminal Justice lab but it was not approved. The bill allows for the campus president to request specific exemptions for various buildings on campus. These must be approved by our Board of Regents. Once approved by the Board of Regents, an update on the changes made for our specific campus must be reported to the State. If the Board of Regents approves the requests made by Dr. Williams, we simply have to report these to the State. No further action is required. The bill is not an Open Carry bill but a Concealed Carry bill. Those who do carry on campus must hold a current Concealed Handgun License issued by the State of Texas. If buildings are designated as a “No-Carry” zone, there must be adequate notification and signage. It will be a Class-A Misdemeanor for those who are caught carrying in a restricted building. There are other states that have this same law and have not had problems. For example this has been the law in Utah for over ten-years and the University of Utah has never had any problems. President Williams stated that the passing of this law is going to require a conversation between his office and the Board of Regents. There are several areas on campus that are of concern, including but not limited to labs with chemical gasses and the Criminal Justice lab. The Board of Regents has a final say on what areas are to be designated as a gun-free zone. President Williams does not agree with the passing of this bill but he believes that in all actuality that we probably have guns on campus at this time. We will have to have a balance, we cannot request or expect to have all buildings on campus designated a gun-free zone. Must work on what we feel the Board of Regents will approve. There will be a survey sent to all faculty, staff and students for their input on this issue. Dr. Williams praised Mr. Jensen and his team for working so hard with the legislature. They need and deserve thanks from all.</p>	
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<b>Closing Remarks, Dr. Amy Moss</b>	Dr. Moss thanked Dr. Dillon and Mr. Jensen for their time. She stated this was the last assembly she was to preside over as Faculty Senate President. The new Faculty Senate President was Dr. Lawrence Cohen of the SCOP and he would be presiding at the next assembly in September. She encouraged all faculty members to take an active part in the Campus Carry survey that would be going out to all faculty, staff and students. She stated the Faculty Senate would play an active role in the creation and administration of this survey.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Dr. Moss thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them that immediately following the assembly, there is a 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. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM	

**Minutes approved for distribution.**

**Next Faculty Assembly will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015**