

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015
Time Called to Order: 5:16 P.M.
Time Adjourned: 6:34 P.M.
Meeting Schedule: Held quarterly

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

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TOPIC / AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Call to Order	Dr. Peter Raven, Past-President of the Faculty Senate, called the assembly to order at 5:16 PM.	
Welcome and Introductory Remarks	Dr. Raven welcomed the faculty to the assembly. He stated that Dr. Moss, current Faculty Senate President was on vacation.	
Introduction of New Faculty	<p>Dr. Michael Oglesby introduced the new SPH – Health Management & Policy faculty: Myung-Il Hahm, Ph.D – Associate Professor</p> <p>Dr. Clayton Holmes introduced the new SHP – Physical Therapy faculty: Myla Quiben, PT, PhD, DPT, GCS, NCS, CEEAA – Associate Professor</p>	
Research Update – Dr. David Cistola, Vice-President for Research & Innovation	<p>Dr. Cistola gave the assembly on research and grant funding. He stated that funding for grants was down for 2015. In 2014 the HSC received \$45 million in grant awards. The research expenditures for 2014 are \$39 million. The prospect for NIH grant awards in 2015 is really low. His office is using several strategies to increase NIH funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift paradigm • Maximize private sector funding • Seek other funding sources – PIVOT. • Improve quality of grant proposals submitted. <p>To date, fourteen pilot grants (12-faculty and 2-UAEM) had been awarded. Additional grants may be awarded if funding becomes available.</p>	

Research Update – Dr. David Cistola, Vice-President for Research & Innovation (continued)	<p>Several faculty members had questions for Dr. Cistola:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there any funds available to expedite the process of procuring new equipment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, Dr. Cistola said he would be happy to discuss this one-on-one with faculty members. 2. One of the strategies listed to get more funding was to more private sector funding, are there tools available to faculty members to assist in this effort? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, Dr. Cistola stated the faculty members should reach out to Doug White in the Office of Institutional Advancement. They could assist the faculty. 3. Will there be backing of the new paradigm to get private sector funding? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, Dr. Cistola stated that Dr. Jerry Simecka is working on this now and it would be available in future updates. <p>Dr. Williams stated that Doug White and his office are very eager to work with researchers to get private sector funding.</p>	
UNTHSC Updates – Dr. Michael Williams, UNTHSC President	<p>President Williams gave several updates on the goings on at the HSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Session: President Williams stated he spent most of February representing the HSC at the legislative sessions in Austin. Three items had been submitted to the legislature. Formula Funding, Tuition/Research Funding, and HEATH Funding increase. The HSC requested \$90 million funding to build a new building at Camp Bowie and Clifton for the SCOP and Research. We hope to get \$80 million (the State cap on this type of funding). It was asked if the MD school was presented during this session. Dr. Williams said this would be done at a later date but the work on a MD school was still in the works behind the scenes. Other projects on campus that we hope to get some State funding for are the renovation and repurposing of the professional building south of the MET building and the purchase of the Baylor Surgical Center building and land that is located just west of the Campus Police Building and Parking garage. • JPS/HSC: This is not a merger of the two organizations. It is an effort to secure a long-term relationship to create a teaching hospital. ACCLAIM physicians group will bring together physicians from both JPS and HSC into one entity. This will be a 501a group. The target date for the startup was originally April 1, 2015, but many things have slowed the process. One of the major issues being addressed is the EMR Management system to be used. The administration will continue to update the faculty/staff of the HSC as progress is made. • Institute/Center Academy Model: Dr. Williams did not have any new information or updates at this time. Healthcare based higher education needs to be aware of what the future is bringing. Moving to the new model will assist in this effort. Research funding and the decrease of grant awards is an example of why we need to make changes. The HSC is too small for both departments and institutes. We need to move to an institute model. He stated that he understands that the change is disruptive but it is a necessary change. Because of the decrease in funding, we need this change. 	

UNTHSC Updates – Dr. Michael Williams, UNTHSC President (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgetary Limitations on Faculty: The current budgetary limitations that we are experiencing are stemmed from the recent UNT Denton issue. The legislature is looking at what happened but has not made a decision on how the funds are to be repaid. UNT is not the only university in Texas that had this same problem. We are one of seven that are guilty and being reviewed. The State Comptroller's office is guilty in this as well. There is a broken process they must work to correct. While we are not sure what will happen, the most recent State Audit of the HSC was clean. The HSC has been impacted by the UNT Denton issue. Commercial lenders see UNT as one big group and will not loan money based on the actions of the UNT Denton campus. We are trying to position ourselves (HSC) to where we are looked at as a separate entity and not held in the same regard as the Denton campus. Dr. Williams also stated that many of the budget issues at the HSC are not UNT System and/or UNT Denton issues. We have our own internal budget issues. There is a significant budget review coming. More details will be given at future assembly meetings. 	
Closing Remarks, Dr. Peter Raven	<p>Dr. Moss thanked Dr. Williams and Dr. Cistola for their time. He encouraged the faculty members that if they topics/issues they would like to see addressed to please send their questions, comments, and concerns to the Faculty Senator for their school/college. He asked that they encourage their colleagues to do the same.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Dr. Raven 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. He encouraged all to attend and take this opportunity to get to know more of their colleagues. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM</p>	

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Next Faculty Assembly will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015