

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES (Final)

Virtual Monthly Meeting by Zoom
December 14, 2021

Attendance: (senators, administrators, and faculty)

Attending: R. Zang, Athena Davenport, Charisse Madlock, Ken Brown, Stephanie Lancaster, Alexandria Wilson, Bill Dabbs, Christina Spivey, Cindy Russell Elisha McCoy, Erinn Finke, Frank Park, Heather Moss, Ioannis Dragatsis, Jaquelin Venturin, Jeff Bieber, Jeff Kalmowicz, Jianxiong Jiang, Jillian McCarthy, Kim Morris, Kirk Hevener, Kristi Forman, Kwame Torgbe, Laura Reed, Lisa Beasley, Margaret Hartig, Martin Donaldson, Maryann Clark, Mathew Davis, Meiyun Fan, Mike M., Nancy Hart, Nawajes Mandal, Phyllis Richey, Rachel Barenie, Richard Smith, Ricketta Clark, Ron Cowan, Shaun Rowe, Shelly White-Means, Steve Doettl, Steven Fox, Tayebah Pourmotabbed, Ted Cory, Terry Cooper, T. Marion, Tracy McClinton, Wen Lin Sun, Zheng Fan, Michael Herr, Myra Meekins, Shaunta Chamberlin, Kristen Bettin, and four phones

Meeting called to order at pm 4:03 CST/5:03 pm EST

Approval of October minutes:

- The floor was opened for discussion of the November 9, 2021, meeting minutes. Following no discussion, Dr. Hartig moved to accept the minutes. Dr. Rowe seconded. Minutes passed with 29 (97%) “yes”, (0%) “no,” and 1 (3%) “abstain.”

Faculty Feedback Survey (FFS):

- The survey has been launched. It is an opportunity to give feedback about the administration anonymously. We have a low response rate. Please remind colleagues to fill it out as soon as possible. The survey closes on January 15, 2022.

Speaker, Dr. Ken Brown, UTHSC Executive Vice Chancellor:

- The timing of FFS is very good as it would be helpful for both the current Chancellor and the incoming Chancellor to have feedback on leadership at UTHSC.
- UTHSC recently made an appraisal and will make an offer to Baptist for the parking garage behind the apartment building near Pauline and Union.
- A major goal of the UTHSC master plan is to become a true academic medical center.
 - Step one is to develop a new college of medicine (COM) building. The existing facilities will be replaced with a new 200,000 sq. ft administrative, academic, and clinical activity building as part of an effort to create a state-of-the-art Memphis Medical District.
 - Option 1 is to keep the current buildings, requiring a \$24.729 million upgrade/overall. Even if the improvements were made, 910/920/930 were built pre-seismic code and have not been seismically retrofitted. Therefore, it is plausible that they would be among the buildings damaged in an earthquake.
 - Option 2 is a state-funded \$200,000 million capital project. The current Governor has stated no large capital project funding during administration. If reconsideration were given by subsequent administration, which remains equally unlikely, it would be two years out and then out in increments of 4-year terms.
 - Option three is a private sector RFP for a \$200,000 project with a long-term lease to UTHSC. Annual Cost would approximate \$4-5 million annual lease rate which is less than current annual expenditures and long-term cost as reflected in Option I. DLR Group Inc. and brg3s Architects, have been asked for a proposal to assist UTHSC in the process of Stakeholder Engagement, Programming, Planning, and Visioning for the multi-purpose New College of Medicine Building on the Memphis Campus. Together we will explore and consider options that propose a combination of new and relocated programs and services from the 910, 920, 930, Madison Plaza Buildings.

- Step two is to manage a teaching hospital. To accomplish the evolution to an academic medical center UTHSC wherein we can provide the best training venue and clinical research on the latest medical interventions for the welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee, it is abundantly clear that the university will have to manage and have true ownership of the clinical environment in which our students are to be trained.
 - A Women's & Infant's Pavilion was proposed 8-10 years ago as a partnership between UTHSC and Region One. Region one leaders were enthusiastic about it, but it was not pursued. The conversation has been resurrected as the UTHSC administration is interested in owning Regional One as a first step towards developing an academic medical center.
 - We want to create a situation where region one remains a part of Shelby County Health Authority, but make it public enough that the State is comfortable making an infusion of resources for the University.

New business:

- Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings:
 - Kristi Forman, Director of Faculty Affairs, will present at the January 2022 senate meeting.
 - Please fill out faculty feedback survey.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm CST/6:00 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary