

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate April 11, 2007

In Attendance: Drs. Amaechi, Baruch-Bienen, Brackley, Clarke, Evans, Geelhoed, Krolick, Meltz, Morgan, Norling, Parsons, Plastino, Ruzicka, Tekmal, Vargas, Vines, Yew.

Absent: Drs. Kahlenberg, Lam, Nolan, Robichaux, Sorenson, Verrett, Wright.

Guests: Dr. Theresa Chiang
Vice President for Academic Administration

Dr. Robert Kaminski
Asst Vice President for Academic Administration

Dr. Kristin Fiebelkorn
Assistant Professor of Pathology and Medicine

Convened: 4:05 PM

University Updates

Dr. Theresa Chiang
Vice President for Academic Administration

News from the Nursing School

Dr. Robin Froman, Dean of the School of Nursing has announce her retirement. No interim dean will be appointed, and Dr. Froman will stay on until a replacement can be identified. Dr. Cigarroa is currently meeting with Nursing School faculty, and a search committee will soon be created. A search firm will be hired with the hope of recruiting a new dean by the end of this calendar year.

News from President's Office (from Mary)

There is to be a ceremony on April 11th recognizing Bill Greehey and his generous \$25 million gift (the single largest private gift ever received by the Health Science Center contribution). In recognition of this contribution, the names of the North Campus and the Children's Cancer Research Institute have been changed to the Greehey Academic and Research Campus and the Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute, respectively.

News from the Graduate School

The search for chairs of Molecular Medicine and of Cellular & Structural Biology continue.

Development of a Case-Based Virtual Information System Healthcare Education Resource

Dr. Kristin Fiebelkorn

Assistant Professor of Pathology and Medicine

Dr. Fiebelkorn presented an overview of the teaching project that, pending approval of the UTHSCSA Executive Committee, will be the focus of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for upcoming re-accreditation consideration. Her grant proposal, among others, had been carefully reviewed by the Academic Center for Excellence in Teaching (ACET) and the Academic Informatics Advisory Committee for consideration as the project to be used as the QEP. An abstract of the proposal follows:

The objectives of this project are to develop an advanced, flexible, and robust online platform for case-based study, and to provide a centralized resource to facilitate case development and support. We plan to make a broadly applicable, powerful teaching tool available to all educators in the Health Science Center, reducing barriers to the use of online case-based teaching and improving all teaching activities on campus. Development of a common platform with comprehensive centralized support will increase efficiency and reduce current duplication of effort, funding and personnel among programs and schools, while simultaneously facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration in education. The anticipated result will be the integration of interactive online case-based teaching in all four years of medical school and broadly throughout the Health Science Center, enhancing the educational experience of all students.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.