



SOM Faculty Assembly Executive Committee
Thursday, February 2, 2017
12:00 – 1:00 PM

Executive Committee Members Present:

Wieslaw Furmaga, MD, Ometeotl Acosta, MD, Gregg Bean, MD, Anh Dinh, MD, Lillian Liao, MD, and Yanfen Yu, PhD

Interim Dean: Ron Rodriguez, MD, PhD

Guest: Carlos Rosende, MD

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 5, 2017 were submitted and approved.

II. Proposed Bylaw Amendment Update

In order to reflect the removal of the Regional Academic Health Center teaching faculty from the School of Medicine and title changes or deletions including ex-officio members, the Curriculum Committee proposed the following changes to Article VI – Standing Committee, Section IV – Curriculum Committee:

Article VI – Standing Committee

Section IV. Curriculum Committee

Appointment: Members are appointed to a term of three years. The Dean shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair annually. The Executive Committee consisting of Chair, Vice Chair, Vice Dean, Assistant Deans of Curriculum, and Curriculum Subcommittee Chairs sets agendas and ensures smooth flow of business.

Membership: Faculty members are appointed by the Dean on the recommendation of the School of Medicine Faculty Assembly Executive Committee. In situations where deemed necessary for efficient committee functioning, the Dean may extend or shorten the period of service of any committee member. Voting membership shall consist of six preclinical Module Directors/Discipline Coordinators, three Clerkship Directors, one 4th Year Course Director, three at-large teaching faculty, ~~one Regional Academic Health Center teaching faculty~~, and ~~four~~three medical students. Ex-officio (non-Voting) membership consists of the Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, the ~~Senior~~ Associate Dean for Admissions, the ~~Associate Assistant~~ Deans for Curriculum, the ~~Associate~~ Assistant Dean for Student ~~Affairss~~, ~~South Texas Clinical Track Dean or other leader~~, ~~the Assistant Dean for Academic Enhancement~~, ~~the Assistant Regional Dean for Education (RAHC)~~, ~~the Assistant Dean for Student Diversity and Professional Development~~, one representative from the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education, and a representative from the Registrar's Office.

Charge: Curriculum Committee is the body that provides central oversight and makes recommendations to the dean and dean delegates, for the overall design, management and evaluation of a coherent and coordinated curriculum.



An email was sent to all faculty on January 3, 2017 to propose the change in writing. After 30 days, an email will be sent for vote on the change. It will need 2/3rd approval from the voting faculty assembly members.

III. Update on UHS GME Residency Funding – Carlos Rosende, MD

UHS wanted to cut expenses and sent a notice that we were well over the cap for residency slots. Typically, most hospitals go with it and think it is worth it to pay. The Mayo Clinic's recent study showed that it is worth the money. Physician costs take a bulk of the budget, but they are also high because of physician shortage. Dr. Bready had departments justify all of their positions and didn't feel like we could cut because they were justifiable to the mission. Large cuts create great problems, especially during site visits. UHS has advised of one cut a year. Since we feel like the positions are justifiable, the School of Medicine will pay for the costs.

IV. Presidential Executive Order on Immigration

The order affects many faculty and staff and is a formal recommendation from President Henrich's Office and the Chancellor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.
Minutes taken and transcribed by April Ainsworth.