



SOM Faculty Assembly Executive Committee
Thursday, April 6, 2017
12:00 – 1:00 PM

Executive Committee Members Present:

Wieslaw Furmaga, MD, Ometeotl Acosta, MD, Gregg Bean, MD, Anh Dinh, MD, and Yanfen Hu, PhD
Interim Dean: Ron Rodriguez, MD, PhD

I. Upcoming Election for SOMFA-EC Secretary/Treasurer and UT Health Faculty Senate

April Ainsworth will send out the call for nominations to the faculty assembly for SOMFA-EC vacancy and SOM Faculty Senators on behalf of the SOMFA-EC. Once nominations are received and closed, biosketches of nominees and call-to-vote will be sent to the faculty assembly.

II. Dean's Town Hall and SOMFA-EC Annual Meeting

The Dean's Town Hall and SOMFA-EC Annual Meeting will be held on August 30th.

III. Diversity Committee

Dr. Bob Esterl, Chair of the Diversity Committee request for Dr. Sekinat McCormick to be appointed to the Diversity Committee in order to fill a vacant spot. Dr. Sekinat McCormick will serve a term of three years assisting the committee in developing, updating and supporting policies and programs that advance diversity and inclusion related to the School of Medicine faculty, staff, students and other trainees and in particular regarding recruitment, hiring, retention, and promotion. By quorum, the EC and Dr. Rodriguez voted to approve this appointment.

IV. Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine's Core Clinical Laboratory

There is an ongoing project to set up the department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine's Core Clinical Laboratory. The service provided by QUEST was not well received. Creation of the new laboratory should make ordering and access easier and allow clinicians to have more input/consultations. Everything started on March 6th due to an understaffing issue. They were not ready for how many new customers would have plus there was glitches in the two IT systems. There is an obstacle to get positions filled since Phlebotomist are not easy to recruit.



There are plenty of areas to be improved, but staffing, access, and overall service is getting better.

V. Dean's Update

Cancer Center Director Search – There are currently 3 candidates and we are hoping to wrap up the search by the end of May. The last candidate of the first round is coming at the end of April though and may push it out a bit.

Institute of Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Disease Director Search – There are 2 finalists that are coming back for another round of interviews. Hoping to complete this search by the summer.

Service Lines – Dr. Rodriguez mentioned the idea of possibly setting up service lines for diabetes and Men's Health.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken and transcribed by April Ainsworth.

Minutes approved by EC Committee members on 8/23/17