

SOM Faculty Assembly Executive Committee
Thursday, November 3, 2016
12:00 – 1:00 PM

Executive Committee Members Present:

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

Dean: Francisco González-Scarano, MD

Guest: Carlos Rosende, MD

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 6, 2016 were submitted and approved.

II. New Member Introduction

Dr. Gregg Bean was introduced to the current EC members. Dr. Bean will serve as the new Secretary/Treasurer of the EC.

III. Special Election: HSC Faculty Senate

Current HSC Faculty Senator Dr. Helen Parsons has left the institution. Due to her departure there is one School of Medicine Clinical Faculty spot open. April Ainsworth will send out a call for nomination to the faculty assembly on behalf of the Medical Faculty Assembly Executive Committee.

IV. Provisions to Bylaws Proposed by Dr. Flossy Eddins-Folensebee

Dr. Flossy Eddins-Folensebee, Chair of Student Promotions Committee, had concerns about posting minutes from their meetings on the UT Health webpage due to privacy of student names, grades, and other identifying information. The EC states the minutes will still need to be posted, but can note any confidential information on an Appendix kept with the permanent file of minutes held in the Dean's Office.

V. Dean's Update

Faculty Forward Survey

The Faculty Forward Survey responses showed many positives, but also negatives. One major concern from survey is that the Dean's office is perceived as not communicating enough with the faculty. Currently the Dean's office communicates with faculty by holding Town halls, monthly luncheons with faculty, e-mails as needed to distribute



information, and the Dean recently added Departmental meetings to provide updates. The EC suggest the possibility of the Chairs regularly providing a "Dean's Update" to include in their departmental meetings.

CTRC Update

Affiliation agreement with MD Anderson has been signed. There is currently an open search for the Cancer Center Medical Director with a search firm.

Department of Pediatrics Chair

Due to the retirement of current Department of Pediatrics Chair, Dr. Thomas Mayes, Dr. Gonzalez is currently meeting with senior faculty in the department to assist in identifying an interim chair.

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