Executive Committee Members Present:
Viktor Bartanusz, MD, Sean Garcia, MD, Rajeev Suri, MD, Mark Funk, MD, Lillian Liao, MD
Dean: Francisco González-Scarano MD

I. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from previous meeting were approved

II. Basic Science Representation on Executive Committee
Committee discussed changing the composition of the EC to ensure that a basic science faculty member is always a part of the committee. Given the large difference in number of clinical faculty versus the number of basic science faculty it was felt that the mechanism of nomination followed by a vote of the faculty assembly might result in exclusion of basic science faculty. The EC voted to amend the by-laws to include a basic science faculty member for a 5-year term. A draft of the revised by-laws will be reviewed by the EC at the next meeting prior to distribution to the faculty assembly for a vote.

III. AAMC Council of Faculty and Academic Societies
AAMC is forming a new committee called the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS) effective July 1. Each medical school has been asked to make two faculty appointments to the Council. AAMC wants to enhance the input from faculty members. The academic leader position will be the Chair-Elect of SOMFA EC (this year Dr. Sean Garcia). The second member will be chosen among those who volunteer for this position, by vote of the SOMFA EC. A call for nominations will be issued and the EC will review nominees and vote at the next meeting.

IV. Student Promotions Committee – change in membership
Dr. Flossy Eddins-Folensbee, Vice Dean of UME, submitted a request to replace Dr. Bob Esterl with Dr. Christopher Dyer as a member of the Student Promotions Committee. This change is needed because Dr. Esterl has accepted an Interim Associate Dean role in UME so moves to ex-officio on this committee. Dr. Dyer’s appointment to this committee was unanimously approved.

V. Dean’s Report
Dean provided an update on pediatric service line transition, the new Robert B. Green building, Children’s Hospital lease discussions, the upcoming mock site visit in April in preparation for the LCME site visit in May, and the founding Dean search for South Texas medical school.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Shelly Evans