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 February 21 meeting were approved with amendment to specify that basic science faculty member must be a member of basic science department to serve on the executive committee.

II. Revision to By-Laws
The revised by-laws were reviewed by the committee as discussed in previous meeting. The EC voted to amend the by-laws to include a basic science department faculty member for a 5-year term on the EC. The EC approved the draft which will be sent to the Faculty Assembly for a vote prior to ratification by the EC at the next meeting.

III. Providers of Care to Medical Students – New Policy
This new policy is presented to EC for review by UME office. The purpose of the policy is to assure that academic evaluation/progression are independent from confidential or protected health information, that individuals charged with academic evaluation/progression base their decisions on agreed upon performance measures, and to assure that medical students can obtain and receive private and confidential medical care from the Student Health Center and/or psychological/psychiatric care from the Counseling Services, and that health care providers of sensitive medical or psychological/psychiatric care to medical students have no role in evaluation/progression of medical students through the academic curriculum. The EC discussed the intent of the policy is to guard against bias when evaluating academic performance. It will be necessary to ensure that the Student Health Center Medical Director does not participate in the evaluation of students. The EC unanimously approved the policy. UME office will be notified.

IV. Dean’s Report
Both the House and the Senate have approved the formation of a new South Texas University. The bill now goes to committee and then on to the Governor for signature. The new university will be eligible for PUF funds. The Search Committee for the founding Dean of the South Texas School of Medicine has been formed. Initially the founding Dean will report to Dr. Gonzalez but ultimately will report to the President of the new ST University. We will assist in getting the new school through the LCME accreditation process which involves several steps. Dean provided an update on the pediatric transition process and the new academic learning building.
Dr. Gonzalez left the meeting and was not present for the vote for the AAMC Council representative.

V. AAMC Council of Faculty and Academic Societies Nominees
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 was issued and there are 7 nominees – Nicole Riddle, Christopher Dyer, Manoj Panday, Joshua Hanson, Gillian Schmitz, and Tim Tseng. Committee members reviewed CVs and voted. Nicole Riddle was the unanimous selection of the committee. Mark Funk will inform Nicole Riddle of her selection and her name will be submitted to AAMC along with Dr. Sean Garcia’s as the two faculty appointments from the SOM to the Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Shelly Evans