Seeking 2017 ROTA candidates!

The UT System just announced the timeline for the **2017 Board of Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards**, so the SOM is calling for nominations for the pre-review that selects the SOM finalist candidates! ROTA are very highly competitive and prestigious monetary awards, and a limited number of nominees can move forward from our entire campus - this year a total of only 7 nominees for 5 awards.

All SOM **senior career faculty** who have clearly demonstrated their career commitment to teaching and a sustained capability to deliver excellence to the learning experience in any of a variety of health science settings are invited to **self-nominate or otherwise be nominated as a SOM ROTA candidate by December 16th**. 

See critical self-screening attached.

**NOMINATION PROCESS:** Preliminary 2017 ROTA candidates must submit a 'packet' by email to **garcias19@uthscsa.edu** (Mrs. Shawnette Garcia) in the Office of Faculty Life by **December 16th**, and the packet must be comprised as follows:

1) A **personal statement** outlining special strengths in education. Up to 5 pages in length (no smaller than 1 inch margins, or 11 font Arial). Specifically address as many of the education-related qualifications as possible among the **nine criteria categories** listed in the **attached document**.

2) A copy of the nominee’s **eTALUS CV** that documents details of a sustained and substantial body of accomplishments in education and teaching.

**SOM TIMELINE:** By early January 2017, the finalist candidates will be identified through a competitive peer-review process coordinated through Faculty Life and conducted by SOM past-ROTA winners. This group will also offer ‘coaching’ to prepare the **finalist candidate packets** that must be submitted to **AFSA by February 26th**.

Submitting a packet as a potential ROTA finalist also serves as a personal commitment, if selected, to:

1) Submit a complete ROTA packet by the early March 2017 deadline.
2) Attend the August 2017 Awards presentation and dinner in Austin with the Board of Regents.

The 2017 Awards draw to a close the original 5-year award cycle funded by the Board of Regents. It is time to urge talented and qualified SOM faculty you know to submit their nomination packet for this wonderful **career recognition**!
**Transcript Exception Memo**

The transcription exception memo has been revised with minor changes. Please see the attachment. The document is also available on the Faculty Life Website (click link below):

http://som.uthscsa.edu/faculty/documents/TranscriptException.pdf

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**Tenure-only Options:**

**Phased Retirement & Emeritus Title**

**PHASED RETIREMENT (PR):** is an official UT ‘employment contract’ for retaining tenure while working at less than 100% time for up to three years in conjunction with a set retirement date. Overview of Phased Retirement Process and Terms UTHSCSA Faculty with Tenure (click on link to obtain PR Packet Process information). If desired, Emeritus Professorship status can be requested once a firm retirement date is set.

**EMERITUS PROFESSORSHIP:** is an HONORIFIC title governed by the HOP 3.1.3. The Board of Regents has final approval of Emeritus Professor appointments. The Emeritus title is granted for life, & the title can be used in the signature block whether ‘rehired back’ at UT Health San Antonio for pay or as a volunteer, or elsewhere in the community. Any Emeritus faculty member returning in any capacity to UT Health San Antonio must have a primary appointment title/job code, for example: Clinical Professor or Adjunct Professor AND Emeritus will be listed as a secondary, so HR tracking data is accurate, but Emeritus does not serve as the appointment title. The submission of the Emeritus Professorship will follow the same guidelines as the PTAC process.

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**UT Health San Antonio**

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*UT Health San Antonio* is the DBA for our entire organization, not just the clinical services, but should be considered like ‘a nickname.’ UT Health San Antonio represents: The University of Texas Health Science Center; its five schools; its research organizations; its clinical enterprises of UT Health Medicine, UT Health Dentistry, UT Health Nursing.

The formal UT System regental name of our organization does not and cannot change, so we are *still* The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. This formal name is always accurate to use and remains on all formal documentation.

*UT Health San Antonio* as a shorter name replaces “UTHSCSA,” which remains confusing both inside and outside the organization, and has not helped in ‘brand awareness.’ There is a UT System-wide effort to become more uniform and UT Health will be used regularly at most other UT System academic health centers, except MD Anderson and Southwestern.
Bexar County Medical Society 24th Annual Women in Medicine Celebration

The SOM Dean’s Office sponsored a table at the 24th Annual BCMS Women in Medicine Celebration on Thursday, November 17th, 2016. Ruth M. Ruprecht, MD, PhD, Scientist at Texas Bio Medical Research Institute, Director of the Texas Biomed AIDS Research Program and SOM Professor/Research was the featured speaker for the evening. The 2016 Women in Medicine honorees:

Dr. Leticia Aguilar – University Medicine Associates (UHS)
Dr. Vivian Ayoub – MCCI Medical Group
Dr. Julie La Barba – Baylor College of Medicine
Dr. Andrea Jean Carpenter – UT Health Cardiothoracic Surgery Department
Dr. Priti Mody-Bailey – Community First Health Plans
Dr. Siang Ombaba – Star Anesthesia
Dr. Pamela Otto – UT Health Radiology Department
Dr. Rebecca Romero – UT Health Neurology Department
Dr. Kristin M. Wilke – ABCD Pediatrics Medical Group
Dr. Emily Volk – Baptist Health System

The University of Texas System
Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE SOM DEAN’S OFFICE!

The 3 faculty members below have been selected as 2017 members of the UT Kenneth I. Shine, M.D. Academy of Health Science Education (Shine Academy). This recognition by their peers across The University of Texas System honors their outstanding contributions and their expertise as a premier leader in health science education. Their formal induction into the Shine Academy will occur during the Shine Academy 2017 Innovations Conference on February 16-17, 2017, in Austin.

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Congratulations
Holiday Scheduling

Please remember as we get closer to the holidays there will be a number of faculty and staff out of the office. These outages can cause delays in processing packets.

Dr. Bonnie Blankmeyer in the EEO Office will be out: December 9, 23, 29 and 30th.

Please plan accordingly when thinking about effective dates for faculty appointments and change requests!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office!