

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

FACULTY MEETING
February 23, 2023 - 2:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Michael Galko, Chair; Actor, Akbani, Alcorn, Aldaz, Arur, Azhdarinia, Bailey, Bankson, Bar-Eli, Bartholomew, Bedford, Bednar, Beierlein, Berdeaux, Blackburn, Calin, Cantor, Carlin, Carmon, Chandra, S Chang, Han Chen, Ken Chen, Lisa Chen, Jichao Chen, Xiaodong Cheng (MDA) S Cho, Cole, Cunha, Curran, Czerwinski, Dabaghian, Daniel, DeLay, Du, Gandhi, Denicourt, Dessauer, Do Monte, Dougherty, Eckel-Mahan, Eckmekcioglu, Eisenhoffer, S Evans, Farach-Carson, A Flores, Fornage, Friel, Fries, Frigo, Frost, Gandhi, Garsin, Gordon, Gorfe, Gu, Hagan, Harrington, Hart, Hildebrandt, Horton, Jian Hu, A Jain, Jayaraman, D Johnson, K Jones, Jun, Karmouty Quintana, Kalluri, Kaplan, Kapoor, Klegerman, Koehler, Konovalova, Krahe, Kry, Kudchadker, Layman, Dung-Fang Lee, Jayhun Lee, Liang Li, Wenbo Li, Wenliang, Li, Yi-Ping Li, Yisheng Li, Ziyin Li, Chunru Lin, Ruitao Lin, Lorenz, Lozano, Zhen Lu, Margolin, Marshak, Mattox, McCrea, McCullough, Milewicz, N Millward, Mirkovic, Mogghaddam, Morales, Morano, Morgan, Morrison, Mosher, Nagayama, Narkar, Netherton, Olson, Pagel, Pan, Parker-Thornburg, JC Perez, Richie, Sahoo, Salinas, Santos, Scaini, Seymour, Shadding, Shahnawaz, Shete, Siddik, Singletary, Stavoe, Taegtmeier, P Taylor, Teng, Titus, Urayama, van Hoof, Venna, Viale, Walker, Walters, Bin Wang, Guocan, Wang, Hongyu Wang, Jihon Wang, Jun Wang, Xin A Wang, KK Wong, Waxham, John Weinstein, Wendt, Chenggang Wu, Danielle Wu, Liuqing Yang, Xiangli Yang, Yates, C Yin, H Ying, You, D Yu, S Zhang, J Zhang, X Zhang, M Zhu

Staff/Administration: Agurcia-Parker, Barker, Barnett, Carter, E. Wassim Chehab, Johnson, Lademora, Lau, Lindheim, Perez, Price, Rademacher, Rech, Sirisaengtaksin, Shadding, Snow, Spitzenberger, Valladolid, Weinberg, Williamson,

- 1. Graduate Student Appreciation Week** – Cherilynn Shadding, PhD
- 2. On-Campus Requirement for International Students** – Akilah Moy and Griselda Olveda

Ms. Moy informed the faculty about the federal on-campus requirements for international students which includes requirement that the students must enroll for 6 hours of face-to-face classes each semester. Students that have completed all coursework and are focusing on their thesis or dissertation must still meet the physical presence requirement by being on campus working on their thesis or dissertation at least twice a week.

- 3. Recognizing and Supporting Students in Crisis - Dr. Jason Yu (UT Student Counseling).** Dr. Yu gave a presentation to inform faculty about ways that they can recognize students who are experiencing a mental health or personal crisis. He also discussed steps that faculty can take to assist and support such students. In response to questions he offered to give his presentation on this subject to other faculty groups.

4. Dean's Report – Sharon Dent, PhD, Dean, ad interim

- Dr. Dent summarized progress on the GSBS Dean search and informed the faculty that the finalist is Dr. Daniella Kaufer who is expected to return for another visit to campus.
- Dr. Dent introduced the faculty to two new GSBS Staff Member
 - Andreina Ruiz, Coordinator, Admissions and Alumni Affairs
 - Ariel Scott, Program Coordinator, Immunology and Quantitative Sciences
- Dr. Dent discussed that the 2023 GSBS Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Rice University, Stude Hall.

5. Tuition Increase Update – Karen Weinberg

Karen discussed that beginning with Fall 2025, two increase were proposed following feedback from the GSBS Student Advisory Fee Committee and Faculty Town Hall. The Board of Regents has deferred the review of proposals to the August 2023 meeting.

- Increase designated tuition from \$198/SCH to \$250/SCH effective Fall 2025
- Increase designated tuition from \$250/SCH to \$300/SCH effective Fall 2027

6. GSBS 60th Anniversary – Tracey Barnett discussed the following regarding the upcoming events to celebrate the GSBS 60th Anniversary on September 28, 2023.

- a. Tentative timeline of events: Fall 2023-Summer 2024
- b. Working on a video project featuring alumni stating how their education at the GSBS help them with their future goals.
- c. Working on a special milestone logo

7. New Business

No new business was discussed.