

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

FACULTY MEETING
February 26, 2026 – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Rebecca Howell, Chair; Aballay, Abe, Akbani, Akhbardeh, Alcantara, Alcorn, Aldrich, Amit, Arur, Azhdarinia, Balakrishnan, Bartholomew, Bartholomeusz, Bednar, Beierlein, Bhattacharyya, Brock, Carmon, Chandra, Chang, Chauhan, Chehab, Han Chen, Lisa Chen, Yang Chen, Xiaodong Cheng, Cole, Cunha, Dabaghian, Darkoh, Daniel-MacDougall, Debeb, De Berge, DeLay, Denicourt, Dessauer, Dhar, Do Monte, Dunbar, Eisenhoffer, Evans, Fan, Farach-Carson, R. Fuentes, Fornage, Frost, Fru, Garsin, Xin Ge, Giridharan, Goetzl, Gomez-Manzano, Gorfe, Gottlieb, Hagan, Eun Young Han, Harjeet, Hawkins, Haymaker, Hecht, Heidelberger, Hergenroeder, Herrera, Herzog, Hildebrandt, Horton, Bo Hu, Jian Hu, Ishak, M Jacobs, A. Jain, Jayaraman, K Jones, Joo Eun Jung, Kalocsay, H. Kaplan, Karraas, Eunhee Kim, Karmouty-Quintana, Gab Kim, Hyun-Eui Kim, JungHwan Kim, Michael Kim, Klegerman, Koay, Konovalova, Kopetz, Krebs, Krishnan, Kudchadker, Kwartler, Kkwiatkowski, Byron Lee, Dung-Fang Lee, Tae Jin Lee, Ke Li, Yi-Ping Li, Ruoyan Li, Ziyin Li, Lissanu, Bin Liu, Yuan-Hung Lo, Lorenz, Zhen Lu, Dershan Luo, Keran Ma, Mangahas, Manzar, Margolin, Marrelli, Marshak, K., Mawlawi, McBride, McCullough, T. McDonnell, Tess Melancon, R. Miller, Milewicz, Moghaddam, Mok, R. Morales, Morano, Travis Moore, Alanna Morrison, Moura, Msaouel, Naora, Narkar, Xiao Ni, Nishino, Norris, Olson, Pagnotti, Pan, Peeler, J. Perez, Pisaneschi, Pollard-Larkin, Post, Prakash, Priya, Proctor, E. Richie, J Rong, A. Reuben, Salehpour, Raquel Salinas, Scaini, Schadler, Serysheva, Seymour, Shadding, Shepherd, Shete, Shouval, Siddik, Sirisaengtaksin, Judith Smith, Soundararajan, Stafford, Stavoe, Brian Taylor, Paige Taylor, Qingchun Tong, Tsvetkov, Urayama, van Hoof, V. Vasquez, Vega, Venna, Waxham, Jennifer Walker, Bin Wang, Guocan Wang, Hongyu Wang, Jun Wang, Linghua Wang, Tao Wang, Wenyi Wang, T Walters, Weinstein, Wenzel, KK Wong, Chenggang Wu, Danielle Wu, Jiaqian Wu, Jie Xu, Kai Xu, Yamal, Hongyuan Yang, Liuqing Yang, C Yin, M. James You, Xiaoyi Yuan, Sheng Zhang, Di Zhao, Zhongming Zhao, Michael Zhu,

Staff/Administration: Agurcia-Parker, Carter, Elliott, Lademora, Lau, Manning, Mansour, Murphy, Ogunseye, Orlando, Perez, Parada, Price, Rademacher, Robinson, Ruiz, Scott, Snow, Valladolid, Weinberg, Williamson, Wolf-Taylor

1. **Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2025** - *Rebecca Howell, PhD*
2. **Reports for Standing Committees listed on GSBS Website** – *Rebecca Howell, PhD*
3. **Dean's Report** – *Alejandro Aballay, PhD*

Introduction of New GSBS Staff – Lauren Nguyen, Communications Assistant
Executive Committee voted on stipend increase

4. **Report on Admissions** – *Cherilynn Shadding, PhD*
5. **Admissions Report** – *Cherilynn Shadding, PhD*
 - a. A total number of applicants – 784 with a 10% decrease from last year
 - b. Visitation Data
 - Friday, January 23, 2026 – 48 students
 - Virtual January 30, 2026 – 34 students
 - Friday, February 6, 2026 – 44 students
 - Friday, February 20, 2026 – 47 students
6. **Vote on Proposed Faculty Bylaw Changes** – Jeffrey Frost, PhD
Approved update Faculty Bylaws to accurately reflect current standing committees and cleaning up the language
7. **Visa Changes for Moving Faculty** – *Francesca Cole, PhD*
8. **Vote on Proposed Stipend** – *Karen Weinberg, MS*
Increase stipend from \$36,000 to \$41,000 for Fall 2026 (PhD and Md-PhD students)
9. Old Business
No old business was discussed.
10. New Business
No new business was discussed.