

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

FACULTY MEETING
February 22, 2024 - 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, Chehab, 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, Shah Nawaz, Shete, Siddik, Singletary, Sirisaengtaksin, 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, Barnett, Carter, Johnson, Lademora, Lau, Price, Scott, Sevilla, Snow, Spitzenberger, Valladolid, Weinberg, Williamson,

Reports for Standing Committees listed on GSBS Website – Jian Hu, PhD

Report on Admissions, Mentoring Works, Graduate Student Appreciation Week, and Graduate School Research Day – Cherilynn Shadding, PhD

- Admissions:
Admissions – PhD – 1154, SMS – 221
Interview Offers – 169, Interviewed – 130
Admissions – Admit Offer – 49, Acceptances – 3
- Visitations: 3 visitations remaining
March 1st – Virtual
March 8th – In Person
March 15th - Virtual
- Mentoring Works – there will be a brief pause or a possible redesign and facilitator training
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) – April 1-5, 2024

- Graduate School Research Day (GSRD) – June 13, 2024 at the Cooley Center; Keynote Speaker – Cristina de Guzman Strong, PhD
- SB17 Update - Incompliance

Report on Academic Affairs – *Jeffrey Frost, PhD*

- Student Travel
 - must obtain Dean's approval
 - GSBS will provide guidance to the student
 - travel in excess of 29 calendar days need Dean's approval
 - travel policy also applies to students who travel off-site to conduct research

Report on Career Development – *Raquel Salinas, PhD*

- NIH Fellowship Application Support for GSBS Students
 - offering application assistance
 - workshops and courses
 - providing official documents

Dean's Report – *Alejandro Aballay, PhD*

- Dr. Aballay discussed the following:
 - Mentoring works
 - Recruitment system
- Dr. Aballay announced two new GSBS staff members:
 - Myra Leonard, MS, Senior Administrative Assistant
 - Sarah Trevino – Senior Executive Assistant
- Dr. Aballay announced that the 2024 GSBS Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2024, 10:00 am at Rice University, Stude Hall. Keynote Speaker: Maria Elena Bottazzi, PhD

New Business

No new business was discussed.