

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

FACULTY MEETING
September 22, 2022 - 3:00 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, Bruesch, Johnson, Lademora, Lau, Lindheim, Perez, Price, Rademacher, Rech, Sirisaengtaksin, Shadding, Snow, Spitzenberger, Valladolid, Weinberg, Williamson,

1. Dr. Michael Galko passed the Faculty President's Gavel to Claire N. Singletary, MS, CGC
2. **Nomination of candidate(s) for 2022-2023 Vice President/President-Elect of the Graduate Faculty: Jichao Chen, PhD**
The Faculty voted unanimously to elect Dr. Jichao Chen as Graduate Faculty Vice President/President-Elect for 2022-2023.
3. **Vote on chairs and new members of 2021-2022 Standing Committees**
The Faculty voted unanimously to approve the slate of candidates as presented.
4. Faculty voted and approved the GSBS Faculty Bylaw Changes (**Claire Singletary, MS, CGC**)
5. Presentation of the D. Dudley and Judy White Oldham Faculty Awards:
Francesca Cole, PhD

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6. **Dean's Report** – Sharon Dent, PhD, Dean, ad interim
 - a. Recognition of Outgoing Program Directors
 - b. Staff Changes at the GSBS
 - Karen Weinberg, Interim Associate Dean for Management
 - H. Lenay Johnson, Director, Student Affairs & Admissions
 - c. Stipend Increase - Increase stipend for PhD and MD/PhD students from \$32,000 per year to
 - d. \$36,000 per year effective Fall 2023 for all students.
 - e. Lab Coat Ceremony – Friday, October 14th @ 4:00 pm

7. **Dean Search** – Dr. Morano
 - The search committee started with 30 applicants with eventually narrowing the number to 11 with one candidate dropping out.
 - The search committee brought 6 of the 10 candidates forward to include 3 men and 3 women with one member from underrepresented group.
 - The committee is in the process of building itineraries and interview schedules to include meeting the presidents, staff and present a seminar.
 - The committee is hopeful to find a fantastic dean by the end of this year, early next year

8. **Parental Leave Policy** – Pat Bruesch
 - We now have a parental leave policy for all GSBS GRAs. MDA-all workforce members + GRAs have parental leave policy, can extend that leave with sick leave and vacation policy
 - To allow parity, UTHealth students are allowed to have 8 weeks of paid parental leave
 - Having this policy has been a multi-year undertaking

9. Old Business
No old business was discussed.

7. New Business
No new business was discussed.

The following reports were not presented at the meeting but were available on the GSBS website prior to the meeting:

1. [Report of the Standing Committees](#)
2. [Report of the Graduate Student Association](#)