

FACULTY SENATE

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It shall be the purpose of the Senate to serve as the representative voice of the Faculty of UTMB to the Administration of UTMB, and to receive and communicate ideas, reviews, and recommendations of policies affecting UTMB as it relates to the welfare, academic opportunities, and responsibilities of the Faculty.

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From the Faculty Senate bylaws

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Dr. W. Robert Fleischmann



- Department of Microbiology and Immunology
- Been at UTMB since 1977
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Gilbert R. Hillman



- Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Been at UTMB since 1976
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. Jose Perez-Polo



- Department of Human Biological Chemical and Genetics.
- Been at UTMB since 1973
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Robert B. Leonard



- Department of Anatomy and Neurosciences, Marine Biomedical Institute
- Been at UTMB since 1975
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires 2001

Dr. Giulio Tagliatela



- Department of Anatomy and Neurosciences, Marine Biomedical Institute
- Been at UTMB since 1993. (Postdoctoral fellow 1988-1990)
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. Patricia Shinnick-Gallagher



- The Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Been at UTMB since 1975
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Richard Rahr, Chair



- Chairman, Physician Assistant Studies Department
- Been at UTMB for 25 years
- Elected in 1998
- Term expires in 2001

Nolen Holcomb



- Division of Humanities and Basic Sciences
- Been at UTMB since 1977
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Helen Rogers



- Department of Physical Therapy
- Been on UTMB faculty since 1990, worked as physical therapy clinician, 1983-1990
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2001

Senate at a glance

- A maximum of two consecutive two-year terms is allowed for each member.
- The chair-elect shall be elected by the Senate at its July meeting for a term of three years (one year each as the chair-elect, chair and immediate past-chair).

Dr. Suzanne Peloquin



- Department of Occupational Therapy
- Faculty member since 1989; worked in OT clinical area in psychiatry 1985-1989
- Elected in 1998
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Vicki Freeman



- Chairman, Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Been at UTMB since 1996
- Elected in 1998
- Term expires in 2001

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Jane Leonard



- Master's Primary Care Nursing Practitioner Program
- Been at UTMB since 1986 and the School of Nursing since 1989.
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires 2001

Maureen Wilder



- Director of Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program
- Been at UTMB since 1981
- Elected in 1998
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. Karen A. Brykczynski



- School of Nursing faculty
- Been at UTMB since 1986
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Steven V. Owen



- Senior Biostatistician
- Been at UTMB since 1999
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Charles E. Blair



- School of Nursing faculty
- Been at UTMB since 1996
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002

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http://www.sahs.utmb.edu/faculty_governance/utmb_senate

Examining ideas to improve UTMB

The UTMB Faculty Senate was established two years ago. How successful has it been?

The biggest success of the Faculty Senate has been the ability to bring together all four schools at UTMB in order to allow for open communication between its members and the president. Dr. John Stobo will not allow any good ideas or input to go to waste if these ideas can improve UTMB's future. The new Senate allows for monthly dialogue between the representative Senate membership and the president that creates a very open, healthy and prolific problem-solving environment on the UTMB campus.

A second success is the development, implementation and analysis of a faculty satisfaction questionnaire with a 75 percent return rate. This questionnaire was developed and administered in concert with the Women's Caucus and Minority Affairs Committee. The results of the survey are being analyzed by all three committees/caucuses, and these results will drive our goals and objectives of the 2000-2001 Senate.

A third success is that the creation of the Faculty Senate has allowed the assembling of a very diverse and interdisciplinary representative group of faculty leaders from all four schools who are now being appointed by the president, deans and chairs to serve on very important issue-oriented, search and financial-restructuring committees. This increased faculty involvement and input could have a very positive impact upon the success of the president's re-engineering of UTMB's future.

A fourth success is that the UTMB Faculty Senate has for the first time in its history involved all four schools in an interdisciplinary fashion to discuss their common purposes in a one-voice format adding to the betterment of the university.

What are the 2000-2001 goals of the Senate?

The four goals for 2000 - 2001 are:

One is to facilitate communication and collaboration across the campus to help achieve excellence in core purposes: teaching, research, service, diversity, community and innovation.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Dr. Richard Rahr

Second, to support increased Senate membership on UTMB committees, task forces and work groups that involve policies, procedures and solutions.

Third, to promote strong faculty development focus with equal opportunities and dollars across campus: SAHS, nursing, graduate and medical schools.

And fourth, to provide a faculty forum to discuss the salient issues identified from the campuswide survey and develop workable solutions to correct any large deficiencies in salaries, promotions, space and research dollars.

What projects will help reach each goal?

The major areas or projects that need to be addressed are the promotion of faculty development, women's recognition and rights, minority recognition and representation at UTMB, clinical enterprise efficiency and effectiveness, and increased research funding and space. All five of these important areas of focus will greatly impact the robust future of UTMB. None of these areas should be ignored.

What goals, in your opinion, are going to be the biggest challenges for the Senate?

The biggest challenge for the Senate is for us to recognize that we need to have an internal locus of control. We need to realize that we as a collective representative group can be very successful and accomplish whatever we clearly set out to do. We cannot blame anyone or the financial obstacles at UTMB for our lack of success. We need to set a target of where we want to be and go there. We can find the creative solutions needed for UTMB to succeed if we all work together. The Senate has vast leadership qualities to draw upon, and I hope everyone at UTMB understands this and will utilize our vast talents and giving spirit. The Faculty Senate is a very important resource for the president, deans, chairs and senior administrators.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Dr. Patricia S. Beach



- Department of Pediatrics
- Was at UTMB from 1986-1994, returned in 1998
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. James Hokanson



- Preventative Medicine and Community Health
- Been at UTMB since 1976
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. Norma Rubin



- Department of Anatomy and Neurosciences
- Faculty member since 1979. Also worked at UTMB 1961-1966
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. Victor Sierpina, Chair-elect



- Department of Family Medicine
- Been at UTMB since 1996
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. Daniel Traber



- Departments of Anesthesiology and Physiology and Biophysics
- Been at UTMB since 1959. (Began as a student)
- Elected in 1999
- Term expires in 2001

Dr. Sheila Crowe



- Division of Gastroenterology in the Department of Internal Medicine
- Been at UTMB since 1992
- Elected in 1998
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Linda Phillips, Past Chair and Parliamentarian



- Chief of Division of Plastic Surgery
- Been at UTMB since 1988
- Elected in 1998
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Helen K. Li



- Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; Director, Division of Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery
- Been at UTMB since 1991
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Kevin McKinney



- Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Endocrinology
- Been at UTMB since 1988
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002

Dr. Marjorie R. Grafe



- Department of Pathology
- Been at UTMB since 1994
- Elected in 2000
- Term expires in 2002