Interfaculty Council Meeting Minutes  
FY 2017 – May 17, 2017– UCT-1726

Present: Dr. Gurur Biliciler-Denktas, Dr. Ryan Quock, Dr. Lanny Ling, Dr. Jake Chen, Dr. Joseph Alcorn, Dr. Joan Bull, Dr. Marie-Francoise Doursout, Dr. Veronica Gonzalez, Dr. Syed Hashmi, Dr. Heidi Kaplan, Dr. Amber Luong, Dr. David Marshak, Dr. Donald Molony, Dr. David Volk, Dr. Trevor Cohen, Dr. Amy Franklin, Dr. Todd Johnson for Dr. Elmer Bernstam, Dr. Gargi Mukherji for Dr. Ashley Clark, Dr. Cameron Jeter, Dr. Elizabeth Scott, Dr. Myron Arnaud, Dr. Angela Nash for Dr. Stacy Drake, Dr. Allison Edwards, and Dr. Linda Highfield

Absent: Dr. Anne Sereno, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. James Langabeer, II, Dr. Elmer Bernstam, Dr. Ashley Clark, Dr. Stacy Drake, Dr. Rebecca Tsusaki, Dr. Craig Hanis, Dr. Ross Shegog, Ms. KoKo Tawaki Taylor, Ms. Brittany Jewell, and Mr. Eric Solberg

Ex-Officio Attendees: Dr. Kevin Morano and Dr. Michael Blackburn

Administrative Personnel: Ms. Terrie Schade-Lugo and Ms. Yuliana Nunez

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Gurur Biliciler-Denktas, 2016-2017 IFC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Denktas polled the members for any objections or corrections to the minutes for April 19, 2017. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes for the meeting were approved, by majority, with two abstentions.

Dr. Denktas provided a reminder to the IFC membership regarding the IFC Bylaws, Article 3, Membership, Section 6: Loss of IFC Appointment.

Any member of Interfaculty Council, other than ex officio, who is absent from three consecutive or four total regular/special meetings during an academic year shall forfeit their position and be replaced by another representative of the school using the procedures for filling vacancies in Section 5 of these bylaws. The Secretary of the IFC shall monitor attendance and implement loss of appointment procedures on behalf of the Chair. A member may select another faculty member to represent him/her at a meeting; however, an alternate representative may be used for no more than three IFC meetings per year.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Research Update

Dr. Michael R. Blackburn, EVP & Chief Academic Officer, UTHealth

Dr. Michael R. Blackburn presented on Research Updates. A copy of the presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

- Dr. Blackburn advised that there was $225 million spent on research for the 2016 fiscal year, which was an increase from 2015. UTHealth ranks third in Texas in research expenditures. Of the $225 million, 60% is spent from federal grants achieved.
- In the last ten years, our New Investigator Development Program (NIDP) has had 199 participants with 89 participants receiving extramural funding. We have submitted twice the number of proposals most likely due to recruiting more faculty who are submitting grant applications.
In 2016, UT System had $15 million available in the STARs Awards Program; UTHealth secured $10.5 million.

Presidential Collaborative Research Awards was funded from philanthropy. These competitive awards require that the applications must be a team of investigators that cross more than one school. It could be in clinical, translational, or basic science. Twenty-six teams applied and there was $1 million available to award. Outside institutions were contacted across the U.S. to secure reviewers who are currently on a study section at NIH, or have recently served and have expertise in this area. We were able to fund five teams out of the 26 submissions.

Facilitating interaction through a Research Portal is being explored to assist collaborations.

Ongoing and Future Activities:

- Increase seed grant opportunities through the use of philanthropy;
- Assess and enhance key research infrastructure;
- Assess and enhance clinical research practices;
- Assess and enhance research administration;
- Re-organize and enhance limited submission processes;
- Enhance research integrity and best practices; and
- Review and organize research centers and institutes.

**HOOP 186, Honor Code**

Dr. Denktas

A round table discussion was conducted on each school's version of the Honor Code. After discussion, the membership requested that representatives from the Office of Legal Affairs attend the June meeting to provide guidance/advice on this topic.

**ACTION ITEM:** Extend invitation to Office of Legal Affairs to attend June 21, 2017 IFC meeting.

**IFC Chair-Elect Call for Nominations**

Dr. Denktas

Dr. Denktas advised that the call for nominations for the 2017-2018 IFC Chair-Elect position is open with the voting to take place at the June 21, 2017 scheduled IFC meeting. The IFC membership was requested to respond to Terrie Schade-Lugo for preparing for the June meeting.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HOOP 192, Academic Titles**

Dr. Denktas

Revisions were made to conform to Regents Rule 31001, Faculty Appointments and Titles, as follows:

- New to Regents Rule 31001, Section 2.2.(m):
  Professor of Instruction, Associate Professor of Instruction, and Assistant Professor of Instruction. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate full-time, nontenure-track faculty primarily engaged in instruction. Appointments to the faculty with a Professor of Instruction title may be with or without pay and shall be for a period of time not to exceed three academic years. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal. If an institution determines that it is to the benefit of the institution, it may offer reappointment to a faculty member in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 51.943.
• Regents Rule 31001, Section 2.1: Language was added:
  Except for the titles Regental Professor and Regents’ Research Scholar, the only titles to be used in which faculty members may hold tenure or be on the tenure track are as follows:
  (a) Professor, (b) Associate Professor, (c) Assistant Professor (Tenure Track).”

Dr. Denktas polled the members for comments or questions regarding the HOOP changes. Upon motion made and seconded, the HOOP changes were unanimously endorsed by the IFC.

Brief discussion was conducted regarding the without salary titles such as adjoint/adjunct. Dr. Kevin Morano advised that he would be available for further discussion, if needed.

Workload and Well-Being Survey Results
Dr. Denktas advised that they still working to finalized the survey results and the summary should be available for all by the June IFC meeting. Dr. Denktas reminded the membership of the Symposium to be conducted on September 25-26, 2017 at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. More details will be provided as soon as received.

V. Subcommittee Reports

Administrative Affairs
Dr. David Marshak reported on behalf of Drs. Rebecca Tsusaki and Ross Shegog that the committee was tasked with reviewing the compensation plans and travel guidelines for each school. Upon review of the compensation plans and travel guidelines for each school, the committee concluded that at this time, no revisions were needed.

Faculty Status, Rights, and Responsibilities
Dr. David Volk presented on the data collected regarding Awards by Gender. A copy of the presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Marie-Francoise Doursout presented preliminary data regarding faculty retention for each school – based on information collected, so far. A copy of the details is attached and made a part of these minutes. Once all data is collected, a final document will be distributed.

Governance and Academic Affairs
The revised Bylaws were presented to the IFC membership and were advised to review in preparation for voting to approve as revised, at the June meeting.

ACTION ITEM: - The revised Bylaws will be voted on at the June IFC meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Kevin Morano
• President’s Scholar Awards:
  The President’s Scholar Awards in Research and in Teaching are given annually to recognize and publicize outstanding research and teaching by UTHealth faculty members. In recognition of the importance of scholarship in patient care, a third award will now be given for outstanding clinical service. These awards acknowledge the contributions of outstanding scholars and
emphasize the fundamental importance of teaching, research, and clinical excellence, to the mission of UTHHealth. Each award includes a $5,000 cash prize. The call for nominations will be circulated in June 2017 and the event is planned for December 2017.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION
None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM. The next IFC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Yuliana Nunez on 06/06/2017.