Meeting was called to order by Dr. Lori Pounds, Chair – Faculty Senate

- **Announcements – Dr. Lori Pounds**
  - Dr. Pounds reported on the Faculty Senate leadership meeting on July 26, 2016, with President Henrich and Mr. Black, the Executive Committee meeting on August 9, 2016, and the invitation from President Henrich to meet with Faculty Senators regarding the CTRC and MD Anderson affiliation on August 11, 2016.

  Senators and guest faculty members expressed concern about the CTRC and MD Anderson affiliation and whether such an affiliation would cause the Health Science Center to lose its NCI designation.

  With respect to the Forest Park Hospital initiative, which was discussed at the July 26th meeting, Dr. Pounds reported that the Faculty Officers articulated the concern about a lack of transparency in the decision-making process.

  These issues led to a broader discussion about the role of the Faculty Senate and how it viewed its place in providing input to the administration on critical institutional matters, which was brought up in the latter portion of the Senate meeting.

  - Dr. Pounds also reviewed the current Faculty Senate committee leadership (see PowerPoint presentation). Dr. Prasad agreed to chair the Academic Affairs committee.

  - Dr. Pounds and Dr. Challa presented certificates of appreciation and courtesy gifts to the Faculty Senators whose terms ended August 31, 2016: Professor Burns (SHP); Dr. Partida (SOD); Dr. Panday (SOM); Dr. Bonugli (SON); and Dr. Chang (SOM).

  - New Senators, effective September 1, 2016, include: Dr. Christie Bialowas (Surgery, SOM); Dr. Samir Patel (Anesthesiology, SOM); and Dr. Norma Martinez Rogers (SON). Dr Partida and Professor Burns will be returning for another term as Senators.

  - A call was issued for nominations for the Chair-Elect for 2016-17.

  - Also announced was the call for nominations for Faculty Senate Leadership Awards, to be submitted to Professor Burns by August 19, 2016.

- **Cross-Enrollment policy**
  - Dr. Mok presented a policy to be published in the academic catalog, enabling students to enroll in courses across the HSC schools. With this policy in place, the next step will be to make available a list of courses that are open for cross-enrollment.
Dr. Pounds led a robust discussion about the UT System Faculty Advisory Council's deliberations in Spring 2016, leading to the submission of a White Paper on Shared Governance at the University of Texas System Institutions, which was presented to Chancellor McRaven. Chancellor McRaven accepted the White Paper and issued his statement of philosophy of shared governance.

These documents are available on the Faculty Senate website, under the section for the August 10, 2016 meeting.

The Faculty Senate will continue its deliberations on how it wishes to develop into a stronger shared governance organization.