Faculty Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, March 9th, 2016  
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Meeting was called to order by Dr. Lori Pounds, Chair – Faculty Senate

- Announcements – Dr. Lori Pounds
  - Minutes and presentations from previous meetings are on the Faculty Senate website. Please let us know if you have any feedback.
  - Adjusting schedule to attend monthly meetings is highly encouraged.
- Campus Update - Dr. Jacqueline Mok, Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs:
  - At the next meeting, would like the opportunity to introduce Faculty Senate to Owen Ellard, new Senior Director for the Libraries. He replaces Rajia Tobia, who retired after over 35 years of service at the HSC. He is visiting with faculty from each of the schools to see what the needs are and to see how the Library can be of better service.
  - Together with Dr. Janet Williams, would like to compose a preview of coming attractions and HSC-wide faculty engagement survey. Dr. Mok is looking at an instrument that is put together by the AAMC to consider faculty needs and satisfaction. What do we need to do to improve as an institution from the faculty stand point? In agreement with the Dean, we will survey not only the SOM faculty, but all HSC faculty.
- Fiesta of Education – Robin Zuniga, PhD  Executive Director of Quality Enhancement
  - Fiesta of Education is one of two events held to celebrate faculty excellence. Poster submissions are being accepted; if you will be submitting, you are encouraged to do so quickly. The focus is Educational Innovations and Scholarship of Teaching. The event will be Thursday, April 7th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the ALTC. Featured presentations are three QEP pre-proposals. Teams of faculty, staff and students have been working on proposals for the last 9 months. The three topics are:
    - “It Clicks: Interprofessional teams collaborative learning to improve communication, knowledge and skills.” This group will discuss a plan to form teams of students along with faculty mentors who will work through communication skills activities i.e. how to become better team players, to understand the roles of other professions and to learn important skills that they can use when communicating with patients.
    - “Quest for Career Success” this group is proposing a project to help students develop a plan for their career, to learn appropriately each of the disciplines, and what the business and regulatory environment is that they will enter in as a professional.
    - “Critical Imprint” is a group that is focusing on how critical thinking activities can be incorporated into our curriculum and help faculty
identify questions where students can develop the kind of critical reasoning skill that they will need to solve problems.

- John Kaulfus, Senior Director, Student Success and Title IX Director UT Health Science Center’s Care and Concern Team
  - Introduction of the Care and Concern Team: a group that addresses the needs of students in real time to keep an issue from becoming bigger. The goal is to identify students who need help and reach out to them as quickly as possible so that they stay in school and stay on track to graduate. A website is currently being designed. Once complete, an electronic referral will be accessible.
  - Behavior Intervention Team (BIT) is a smaller group that looks at students on a more serious level i.e. students that may be a harm to themselves or may be a danger to others. If a referral is received, quick action is taken along with UPD and counseling services.
  - Please complete Title IX Training as soon as possible. For more information please visit our website at http://students.uthscsa.edu/titleix/

- Lori Pounds, MD – Update on Proposed Senate Bylaws Change
  - Proposal from the SOM Faculty Assembly to change the composition for the SOM Senators. Currently there are eight senators who are clinical and four who are basic science. Last month, Dr. Lillian Liao, of the School of Medicine Faculty Assembly Executive Committee proposed two changes. The first was to alter the existing 8/4 ratio. Exploring the bylaws there are 2 avenues to accomplish that change. The Faculty Assembly could meet and propose the change OR they could ask a current Senator to bring to the floor. Dr. Pounds was to notify Dr. Liao of those options.
  - The second proposed change to the bylaws was to assign senators based on what school they are and different departments (based on the number of faculty positions that department had) and make it a rotation; for instance, Nephrology will get one senator for a particular period and Neurology will get one for a particular period and they could rotate. At present, senators are nominated and elected. The SOM Faculty Assembly identifies a SOM senator to sponsor the proposed amendment, the senate could place them on the agenda and take action on the proposal. How senators are brought forth would be a duty of the faculty assembly not the senate and up to them to hold a meeting and vote.
    - Article 7. Amendments - Amendments to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate may be proposed by any member of the Senate at a regular meeting, or by one or more of the Faculty Assemblies of each School by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting of such Assembly.

Dr. Pounds will discuss with Dr. Laio how to proceed with amending the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate.

Members Present: Cheryl Burns, Brent Shriver, Greg Ernst, Norma Partida, Suman Challa, Francis Lam, Raushan Kurmasheva, Helen Parsons, Arthur Chang, Elizabeth Evans, Shweta Bansal, Rajeshwar Tekmal, Rebecca Bonugli, Lisa Cleveland and Carol White
Members Absent: Ricky Joseph, Cara Gonzales, Hassem Geha, Benjamin Eaton, Anand Prasad, Manoj Panday, Brian Eastridge, Maxim Eckmann, Danet Lapiz-Bluhm

Next meeting Wednesday April 13th, 2016.