

Dean's Corner

Med School Update

May 28th is quickly approaching! If the final legislative vote is positive, the following day we will contact the LCME and tell them to go ahead with the review of the data base that was sent April 30th to determine whether they should send a site visit team to El Paso from November 11-13. If the site visit is scheduled and goes well, we will receive preliminary accreditation in February, 2008. If the result is positive, we will immediately contact the Texas Match to enter the El Paso medical school into that process.

We are very excited with the new El Paso Curriculum that Dr. Henry Mandin has been working on with our faculty over the past four months.

Recruiting

We will stay actively involved over the next six months in recruiting our basic science faculty. We have already made good progress. Finalists have been identified for an Associate Dean for Medical Education, an Associate Dean for Research, and an Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. In addition, we are actively recruiting chairs for the Departments of Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, Psychiatry, Neurology and Pathology. We have also identified 70 candidates for basic science positions including Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Neurology, Pharmacology, and Pathology.

We have begun recruiting directors for the Research Center of Excellence, the Obesity and Diabetes Center, the Cardiovascular Center, the Neurodegenerative Center, and Infectious Disease/Bioterrorism.

Collaboration Between TTUHSC and UTEP

Once again, I want to extend our thanks to all who helped make our First Annual Research Day an outstanding success with collaborative discussions between Texas Tech University HSC at El Paso and UTEP basic scientists and scholars. Several outstanding poster presentations were the highlight of the afternoon for faculty and residents.

Please send any questions you would like for me to address in the Dean's Corner to Miriam Gardea at miriamc.gardea@ttuhsc.edu

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