

FACULTY BYLAWS
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO
WOODY L. HUNT SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Article I
THE FACULTY

A. Membership

1. The Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine (WLHSDM) faculty shall consist of the dean, other designated administrative officers, and all tenured and non-tenured professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors, lecturers and faculty associates. These titles may be qualified by such designations as clinical, research, visiting, adjunct, and/or emeritus. Voluntary and part-time faculty must have the above titles as well.
2. Members of the WLHSDM faculty who are eligible to vote (the voting faculty) shall include professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors and faculty associates who are appointed at 50% FTE or greater at the WLHSDM.
3. Questions of eligibility for voting shall be settled by the presiding officer of the WLHSDM faculty.

B. Responsibilities

Subject to the policies and procedures of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) and the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents' Rules, and subject to their approval, the faculty shall define and implement the mission and goals of the WLHSDM and shall have the responsibility for review of and final actions within existing state and federal requirements for the following:

1. Development, evaluation, and implementation of the content of the academic and clinical programs of the WLHSDM.
2. Establishment and implementation of appropriate criteria and procedures for student admission and promotion.
3. Establishment and implementation of appropriate criteria and procedures for disciplinary action against students whose conduct is deemed to be contrary to the WLHSDM Student Handbook.
4. Approval of candidates for the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the WLHSDM.
5. Dissemination of policies and procedures for faculty appointment, tenure, promotion, faculty development leave, and dismissal.
6. Identification, development, and support of opportunities for continuing education and research.
7. Consideration, review, acceptance or rejection, and resolution of matters referred to

faculty by the dean and/or committees of the WLHSDM.

C. Meetings

1. The WLHSDM voting faculty shall meet on a regularly-scheduled basis, at least four times per year, or as often as necessary, at a time and place determined and announced by the presiding officer as defined in Article I, Section D below.
2. Minutes of all meetings shall be maintained. Minutes of the previous meeting shall be distributed to the faculty no less than three (3) days prior to the next scheduled meeting.
3. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order, except as modified by majority vote of the Faculty.
4. Thirty percent (30%) of the voting membership shall comprise a quorum for business.
5. An agenda for each meeting shall be prepared and distributed to the faculty no less than three (3) working days before the scheduled meeting.
6. Special meetings of the faculty may be convened by the presiding officer at his/her discretion or by the written petition of ten percent (10%) of the voting members of the faculty.
7. Faculty Meetings – Order of Business

An agenda for each faculty meeting shall be established by the presiding officer or his/her designee and shall be distributed by the secretary of the faculty with the meeting notice in advance of the meeting. The agenda shall provide for the following items of business, as appropriate:

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- Approval of minutes
- General announcements
- Committee reports and recommendations
- Completion of items of old or unfinished business
- Introduction of items of new business

8. Faculty Delegate to American Dental Education Association (ADEA)

The WLHSDM faculty shall elect from among its membership a Delegate to serve on the ADEA Council of Faculties for a term of three (3) years. The election shall be held by the faculty at a regularly scheduled fall meeting. Eligible candidates must be members in good standing of ADEA.

9. TTUHSC El Paso Faculty Senators

The WLHSDM faculty shall elect from among its membership four (4) faculty members, one elected each year who will represent the WLHSDM in the TTUHSC El Paso Faculty Senate. These members shall be elected from voting members of the faculty, and will be elected by the voting faculty from among the faculty at a regularly-scheduled fall meeting.

D. Officers

1. The presiding officer shall be a voting member of the faculty who was elected by the voting faculty and previously served as vice-presiding officer. The presiding officer shall serve for the duration of the academic year of September 1 through August 31, and conduct faculty assemblies. In the presiding officer's absence, at the request of the presiding officer, or when the presiding officer wishes to speak from the floor, the vice-presiding officer shall preside during that time.
2. The vice-presiding officer shall be a voting member of the faculty who was elected by the voting faculty and previously served as secretary. The vice-presiding officer shall preside during any absence of the presiding officer over all or any portion of the faculty meeting where the presiding officer wishes to speak from the floor. If the vice-presiding officer is unable to preside, the vice-presiding officer shall appoint another faculty member to preside prior to the meeting. The vice-presiding officer is responsible for obtaining nominations, and then conducting voting for secretary of the faculty at a regularly-scheduled fall meeting.
3. The secretary of the faculty shall be a voting member of the faculty and elected annually from among the faculty at a regularly-scheduled fall meeting. Responsibilities will include the following: assure a copy of a current, digital roster of the voting faculty is received prior to any meeting from dean's office; assure advance notification of forthcoming meetings and information on matters to be considered at those meetings; assure ballot procedures to conduct all elections are followed where required; and assure the maintenance of records and distribution of the minutes and other necessary records occurs in the required time and fashion.
4. Should an early vacancy occur, the dean will appoint an interim replacement, and this nomination and election process will occur at the next regularly-scheduled fall meeting.

Article II ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Organization

1. The faculty of the WLHSDM will not be organized into individual departments or divisions. Faculty will serve as members of a "faculty of the whole" rather than be assigned to traditional disciplinary components of the profession. This organizational format is designed to facilitate cross-disciplinary planning and program implementation and underscore the school's focus on educating students within the general dentistry model.

B. Administrative Officers

1. Designation

Administrative officers shall include those individuals and positions described in these Bylaws, Article II, Section B and Article VII, Section C. Such Administrative officers shall be granted a title that is descriptive of their position and administrative seniority, such as assistant dean or associate dean, and accordance with naming conventions in HSCEP OP 10.14.

2. Selection and appointment

- a. Administrative Officers shall be selected by a process that complies with the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents' Rules and the HSCEP OP 10.14.
- b. Administrative officers are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the dean. Appointment does not imply or confer tenure of such an administrative position.

3. Responsibilities

As members of the voting faculty, administrative officers will have the responsibilities of faculty members described in Article I, Section B. of the Faculty Bylaws. In addition, these Administrative Officers will have additional responsibilities, appropriate to their office, as described in Article II, Section B of the Faculty Bylaws. In all instances, these responsibilities must comply with the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents' Rules and the TTUHSC El Paso Operating Policies.

Article III THE DEAN

A. Appointment

The dean is appointed by the President of the TTUHSC El Paso in accordance with HSCEP OP 10.14.

B. Responsibilities

Reporting directly to the President, the dean, as the chief executive officer of the WLHSDM, shall assume and discharge his/her responsibilities in accordance with the HSCEP OP 10.14.

In discharging these responsibilities, the dean may seek advice and counsel from members of the faculty or from such advisory committees as are established. In the absence of the dean, his or her designee shall serve in his or her stead. The dean may appoint administrative officers to assist in the operation of the school, as stated above in Article II.

Article IV APPOINTMENTS

A. Faculty

1. Categories

- a. Academic ranks for faculty appointments shall be those recognized in the TTUHSC El Paso operating policy HSCEP OP 60.01.
- b. Faculty from other academic institutions may be appointed as adjunct faculty subject to standard faculty appointment criteria

2. Recruitment and appointment

- a. Faculty members will be recruited by a search committee appointed by the dean.

- b. Recruitment of faculty members will be consistent with the policies of the TTUHSC El Paso concerning recruitment procedures as described in HSCEP OP 60.09.
- c. WLHSDM faculty are appointed by the dean, upon review and recommendation of the Committee for Faculty Appointment and Advancement (CFAA).

3. Responsibilities

The individual faculty member has obligations that encompass the various components of an academician. These include the following responsibilities:

- a. Maintaining competency in his/her field of specialization.
- b. Promoting the acquisition and dissemination of new knowledge through teaching, research, clinical care, and service.
- c. Maintaining professional conduct in all of the elements of academic life by adhering to the “Statement on Professionalism in Dental Education” adopted by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) in 2007.
- d. Maintaining respect for students and their respective rights in the learning experience.
- e. Respecting the rights and privileges of all persons encountered in education, research, and patient care.
- f. Serving on WLHSDM standing or *ad-hoc* committees.

4. Promotion and Tenure

- a. Procedure for review of qualifications for promotion and tenure shall be in accordance with the procedures outlined in the HSCEP OP 60.01.
- b. Candidates for tenure and promotion shall be encouraged to utilize the mid-point review process of the WLHSDM, to help identify strengths and limitations that might impact their advancement of academic rank or achieving tenure status.

5. Comprehensive performance evaluation of tenured faculty

The comprehensive performance evaluation of tenured faculty of the WLHSDM shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Texas Education Code §51.942(d), the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents’ Rules Section 04.03 and HSCEP OP 60.03.

6. Faculty Development Leave

The faculty of the WLHSDM shall follow the operating policy HSCEP OP 60.02 with respect to faculty development leave of absence. Faculty development leave (sabbatical)

is granted by the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents for study, research, writing, field observations, or other suitable purposes under conditions allowable by the State of Texas. Application for leave of absence should be submitted to the Faculty Development Leave Committee, an *ad hoc* committee appointed by the chair of Council on Faculty Appointment and Advancement (CFAA), Article VIII, Section E. below, for recommendation to the dean and subsequent ratification in accordance with HSCEP OP 60.02.

7. Retirement and appointment to *emeritus* or *emerita* status

- a. Retirement from the faculty of the WLHSDM is subject to the regulations of the TTUHSC El Paso, as described in HSCEP OP 70.02.
- b. The title “Emeritus” or “Emerita” may be conferred as recognition of distinguished and meritorious service to the institution, according to the procedures outlined below. The WLHSDM shall follow the procedures and policies described in the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents’ Rules section 04.01.2 and in HSCEP OP 10.12.
 - (1) The Committee on Faculty Appointment and Advancement (CFAA) will submit a letter of recommendation and a copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae to the Dean of the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine.
 - (2) The Dean will ask the Chair, Chair-elect, and Past Chair of the WLHSDM Faculty Council to review the recommendation and the nominee’s qualifications, and will advise the Dean regarding further, appropriate action.
 - (3) The Dean will forward a formal letter of recommendation to the President, as appropriate.

Criteria for “distinguished and meritorious service to the institution” shall include, but not be limited to:

- Excellence in teaching, as documented by teaching awards from students or peer faculty;
- Excellence in research/scholarly activity, as documented by peer reviewed publications, external funding, and/or awards of distinction from appropriate research-oriented institutions or professional associations.
- Excellence in service, as documented by leadership on institutional committees; and/or leadership in state, regional, national, or international professional organizations;
- Leadership in promoting the mission and goals of the TTUHSC El Paso and/or the WLHSDM; and
- In compliance with TTUHSC El Paso Bylaws.

8. Appeals of administrative actions

The WLHSDM endorses the concept of due process. When there are matters of disagreement between a faculty member and his/her supervisor, or if a faculty member disputes an administrative action, every effort should be made to resolve the matter through dialogue and discussion. In the event that such remedy fails, the WLHSDM shall have a mechanism to resolve these grievances. The process shall follow the guidelines established in the HSCEP OP 60.10.

Article V COMMITTEES

A. Authority to Establish Committees

The faculty shall have the authority to establish standing committees and to define the title, function and size of each committee. Standing committees must be specifically provided for in these Bylaws. Any addition or deletion of a standing committee requires an amendment to these Bylaws. The dean may also establish *ad hoc* committees as deemed necessary by him/her or the faculty.

B. Committee Membership

Except as otherwise stipulated, the office of the associate dean for academic affairs shall seek nominations from among the voting faculty for service on committees. The faculty will then vote for these nominees to elect their representative(s) to each committee. Committee members shall be elected by the faculty for a period of three (3) years. One or more member position(s) may be specifically reserved as a dean's appointment. Faculty may serve two (2) consecutive three (3)-year terms, but six (6) years of consecutive service must be followed by a minimum of a (1) one year absence from the committee before being eligible to serve another term.

The associate dean of academic affairs will announce the membership of each standing committee at a regularly scheduled fall meeting of the faculty.

C. Committee Chairs

Unless otherwise stipulated, each standing committee of the WLHSDM shall elect a chair. The chair shall be responsible for calling committee meetings, presiding over the meetings, and informing the faculty of all scheduled meetings. If the chair is unable to attend a meeting, he/she will appoint a proxy to preside at the meeting.

D. Ex Officio Members

Unless otherwise stipulated, assistant or associate deans and certain staff and students of the WLHSDM shall be appointed by the dean to serve as *ex officio*, non-voting members of all standing committees.

E. Committee Appointments

Appointments to standing committees will be made in accordance with federal and state statute, operating policies of the TTUHSC El Paso, and the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents.

F. Procedures

Committees shall conduct their business according with Robert's Rules of Order.

**ARTICLE VI
Standing Committees**

Members of standing committees shall be drawn from the voting faculty of the WLHSDM or other schools of TTUHSC El Paso. Ex officio members are appointed by the dean from the faculty, students, staff, or the El Paso District Dental Society. Members of each committee will be appointed or elected as described below.

A. Committee on Academic Performance and Standards (CAPS)

Charge:

The responsibilities of this Committee will include recommending:

- Standards for student academic performance and professionalism;
- Policies and procedures for tracking student academic performance and professionalism;
- Standards, policies, and procedures for remediation; and
- Probation, suspension, dismissal, and readmission of students.

Membership:

This Committee on Academic Performance and Standards will consist of five (5) faculty members elected by the Faculty. Any dean for academic affairs, clinical education, and student affairs, shall serve as *ex officio, non-voting* members of the committee.

Leadership:

The Committee shall report to the Faculty. It shall elect vice chair annually from among its members, who moves to the chair position the following year.

B. Committee on Dental School Admissions

Charge:

The Committee will have the following responsibilities:

- Review and recommend changes to admission criteria and metrics for the WLHSDM;
- Review and recommend changes to the recruitment process for attracting qualified candidates for the WLHSDM;

- Review and recommend changes to policies and procedures for reviewing applications and selecting candidates for personal interviews;
- Participate in the review of applications, selection of candidates for personal interviews, and establishing the interview process;
- Review the rank of candidates selected for admission to the WLHSDM;
- Be a resource for communications with the Texas Medical and Dental Application Service (TMDSAS) and the testing agency administering the Dental Admission Test (DAT);
- Formally review on an annual basis the data pertaining to the recruitment and admissions process.

Membership:

Members of the committee will be elected by the faculty and may include any dean for academic affairs, student affairs, clinical education, director of clinics, and director of recruitment and admissions as non-voting members. The committee will also include a dentist representative from the community who is selected by the El Paso District Dental Society (EPDDS) executive committee and who holds a current faculty appointment at the WLHSDM and is approved by the dean as a voting member.

Leadership:

This committee will report to the faculty. The chair and vice chair will be elected by the committee membership on an annual basis.

C. Committee on Clinical Affairs

Charge:

The responsibilities of the committee will include:

- Advising the dean(s) and director of clinical education or patient care on all matters regarding the policies and procedures that pertain to patient care at the WLHSDM clinics and affiliated clinical sites;
- Reviewing aggregate student clinical performance indicators;
- Reviewing clinical activities, protocols, policies and procedures that ensure patient-centered care, clinical efficiency, and compliance with existing state and national laws;
- Evaluating proposals and making recommendations for procuring clinical instruments and materials that are consistent with best scientific evidence.

Membership:

The membership of this committee will consist of five (5) faculty who are clinicians, two (2) clinical staff, and one (1) student representative elected at large from the D3 class at WLHSDM serving as voting members. The director of clinics will serve as an *ex officio*, non-voting member.

Leadership:

This committee will report to the faculty, and serves as an advisory group to the director of clinics. The chair and vice chair will be elected from among the committee members on an annual basis.

D. Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy (CCEP)

Charge:

The responsibilities of the committee will include the following:

- Provide oversight on the design, methods, collection, and interpretation of all data (quantitative and qualitative) that is used to assess the quality of the educational programs of the school.
- Establish and review requirements for the Doctorate of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree.
- Establish and review requirements for the Community Health Certificate.
- Review the School's pre-doctoral teaching and evaluation systems and processes on a regular basis.
- Monitor aggregate student performance, and provide feedback to the dean regarding the effectiveness of the curriculum.
- Identify problems in student performance, as well as in pedagogy or evaluation, that may require prompt intervention and/or modification.
- In consultation with the faculty and the dean, make appropriate changes in curriculum and evaluation that address problems relating to the curriculum and/or student performance;
- Ensure that the curriculum addresses the WLHSDM competencies;
- Ensure that the curriculum complies with all CODA accreditation standards;
- Review and approve dental post-graduate programs.

The Committee will also monitor all curricular outcomes such as the following:

- Overall student progression toward competency;
- First-time pass rate on all competency examinations;
- First-time pass rate on the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE);
- Promotion and graduation rates
- Student attrition
- Course evaluations by students

Membership:

The membership of this committee will be broadly representative of the faculty responsible for and participating in the DMD degree program. One-third of the committee membership shall be elected by and from the voting faculty of the WLHSDM during a regularly scheduled summer meeting of the faculty. This committee also includes the following ex-officio, non-voting members:

- any dean of academic, student and/or clinical education
- the director of clinics
- a student member from each of the D2, D3, and D4 classes

Leadership:

This committee will report to the faculty. The committee will elect a vice chair annually from among its membership, who moves to the chair position the following year.

E. Committee on Faculty Appointment and Advancement (CFAA)

Charge:

Responsibilities of the committee will include the review of the application materials on behalf of faculty candidates who are under consideration for:

- Initial faculty appointment,
- Promotion in rank,
- Granting of tenure, or
- Comprehensive performance evaluation of tenured faculty

The Committee will recommend action and forward those recommendations to the dean for review.

The CFAA shall serve as a medical committee as defined by the Texas Health and Safety Code §161.031 and is authorized by the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents to evaluate the qualifications of all faculty, including faculty appointments, tenure and promotion reviews, and comprehensive performance evaluations. Members of the CFAA committee shall act as members of a medical committee when performing functions or responsibilities of the committee.

Membership:

The CFAA will be composed of the WLHSDM dean for academic affairs (a non-voting member), all other WLHSDM deans, the director of clinics, and one (1) member elected by - the WLHSDM CCEP, one (1) junior faculty member at the rank of assistant professor. Members shall serve a three (3) year term.

Leadership:

This committee will report to the dean of the WLHSDM. The chair of the committee shall be the WLHSDM associate dean for academic affairs, a non-voting member.

F. Committee on Dentist and Student Dentist Wellbeing (CDSDW)

Charge:

The Committee on Dentist and Student Dentist Wellbeing is a medical peer review committee as defined in the Texas Medical Practice Act, Article 4495b, V.A.C.S., or as may be amended. Its charge is to assist dentists who have physical impairments, mental and emotional difficulties, or chemical or substance abuse problems that may affect clinical skill and judgment. The role of the CDSDW shall be to:

1. Serve as a resource to the WLHSDM for education and awareness training on issues related to provider impairment and the valuation and rehabilitation resources available to affected individuals;
2. Verify, investigate and resolve reports of potential impairment;
3. Make the appropriate recommendations and arrangements for diagnosis and treatment; and
4. Serve as the WLHSDM's central repository for receiving reports/evaluations of potential impairment, the individual's compliance with and response to recommended therapies, and opinions from treating providers and facilities regarding the affected individual's fitness for duty.

Neither the CDSDW nor any of its members shall:

1. Perform a definitive medical or psychiatric evaluation to determine the presence, severity and etiology of impairment;
2. Provide therapeutic treatment services to an impaired individual;

3. Place individuals on medical or any other form of leave or authorize absences from the workplace; or
4. Serve any function (including review, testimony and/or appeals) within the faculty disciplinary and/or grievance processes, or the dental WLHSDM faculty corrective action process that a provider may be subject to as a result of behaviors related to impairment.

Each referral to the CSDSW shall be managed by a subgroup of three (3) individuals appointed by the Chair from the faculty committee pool. The subgroup shall appoint one of the members to serve as the tracking member who receives reports from external evaluation sources and provides guidance to the supervisor regarding the individual's compliance and response to treatment. The CSDSW will conduct its business in accordance with WLHSDM policy, TTUHSC El Paso Operating Policies and Procedures, TTUS Regents' Rules, and applicable state and federal laws.

Membership:

The membership of this committee will be appointed by the Dean of the WLHSDM. The committee shall consist of a panel of no less than five (5) full time members of the faculty who shall serve three (3) year terms. No faculty member except the chair may serve more than two (2) consecutive, three (3) year terms.

Leadership:

This committee reports to the Dean as an advisory group. The Chair of the committee shall be appointed by the Dean of the WLHSDM.

G. Faculty Grievance

The Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine (WLHSDM) endorses the concept of due process. When there are matters of disagreement between a faculty member and his/her administrative supervisor, or if a faculty member disputes an administrative action, every effort should be made to resolve the matter through discussion. Each member of the WLHSDM faculty has a right to utilize a structured mediation process and/or to have a hearing and an appeal for redress of a grievance through the model process described in the TTUHSC EP OP 60.10, Faculty Grievance Procedure, when informal methods for resolution have failed. No person may file a grievance after he/she has received notification of dismissal for cause, has filed a lawsuit against the institution, or is no longer employed by the institution.

The faculty grievance procedure does not apply to grievances between faculty members. Such grievances should be filed against the supervisor for failure to resolve the problem. No person shall be penalized, disciplined, or prejudiced for filing a grievance or aiding another faculty member in filing a grievance, but those involved will be expected to meet normal responsibilities while pursuing a grievance in accordance with this policy.

The Dean shall appoint a standing WLHSDM Faculty Grievance and Hearing Committee shall consist of four faculty, none of whom holds an administrative position. The committee members will elect the chair. This committee is charged with seeking resolution of grievances brought under the TTUHSC El Paso Faculty Grievance Procedure not covered under the TTUHSC El Paso Tenure and Promotion Policy, and conducting hearings for cases of dismissal of faculty for cause or non-reappointment as described in HSCEP OP 60.01. The committee shall be responsible for nominating members of mediation teams and shall serve as the pool from which hearing and grievance panel members will be drawn.

H. Sub-Committees

In order to accomplish the mission of a Committee, that Committee's Chair may appoint sub-committees that may include members of the faculty who are not members of the Committee. They may include, but are not limited to, the following: Strategic Planning, Sub-Committee on Clinical Quality Assurance and Safety, Student Awards and Recognition, Faculty Development, Educational Resources, and External Clinic Rotations, et al. Their charge, membership and leadership will be established at that time. Sub-committees must have written responsibilities of the committee, including duration and terms of service.

I. Ad Hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees may also be appointed for special purposes by the dean or the Executive Committee to assist in the administration of the WLHSDM, such as CODA Steering Committee, and Bylaws Committee. Ad hoc committees that may be appointed for special purposes must have written responsibilities of the committee, including duration and terms of service.

Article VIII RATIFICATION

These bylaws shall be enacted immediately upon ratification by the voting faculty of the WLHSDM and with the review, concurrence and approval of the dean, and with the concurrence of the President of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso.

Article IX PUBLICATION

A copy of the current bylaws shall be placed in the *Faculty Section* of the website of the WLHSDM.

Article X AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed in any one of the following ways:

- Proposal by the dean of the WLHSDM;
- Proposal by petition of twenty (20%) percent of the WLHSDM's voting faculty.

All proposals for an amendment to these Bylaws is submitted to faculty. The faculty may refer the proposal to an *ad hoc* Bylaws Review Committee appointed by the faculty for review and revision of the proposal and to ensure compliance with state and federal law, rules and policies of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents, the TTUHSC El Paso, and the WLHSDM. The *ad hoc* Bylaws Review Committee, if utilized, reports their findings to the faculty distributed the proposed amendment to all members of the voting faculty for their review and comment, prior to the next regular or called meeting of the faculty. The proposed amendment and comments shall be discussed at that meeting. Permissible actions by a majority vote of the faculty are to: 1) approve; 2) modify and resubmit to the voting faculty within one week; or 3) send back to the ad hoc committee. The *ad hoc* committee may again review the amendment and submit comments to the faculty. At the next faculty meeting, comments and feedback will be

considered for the final vote on the proposed amendment by the faculty.

Amendments to the bylaws shall be subject to final approval by the dean of the WLHSDM and the President of the TTUHSC El Paso and must remain in compliance with state and rules and policies of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents, the TTUHSC El Paso, and the WLHSDM.