I. CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H. - Faculty Council President

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H., 2017-2018 President of the Faculty Council, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H. - Faculty Council President

Having met quorum, the Faculty Council members unanimously approved the meeting minutes from January 16, 2018 with no changes.

III. DEAN’S REPORT

Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A. - Dean, PLFSOM

Dr. Lange reported the following:

A. Paul Ogden, M.D., was introduced as the new Provost of TTUHSC El Paso, who will be responsible for academic affairs for the institution.
Dean’s report continued...

B. The annual senior Leadership Retreat will be held to discuss and evaluate the current 5-year strategic plan and the progress towards those goals. Traditionally, the PLFSOM Faculty Council was represented at the Leadership Retreat. Dr. Lange expressed that the findings from past Governance Retreats have helped shape and alter the institution Strategic Plan. However with the addition of the Faculty Senate who represents the faculty across the institution, including PLFSOM, GSBS, GGHSON, and the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine, it was decided that the Faculty Senate would attend the Leadership retreat. Dr. Gangwani, as President of the Faculty Senate, would provide a report to the senior leadership retreat. Dr. Lange reminded the Council that faculty input and feedback may be given through a variety of outlets, to include Academic Council, Faculty Senate, and the Faculty Council, which directly represents PLFSOM.

C. Dr. Lange asked for Laxman Gangwani, Ph.D., President of Faculty Senate’s input. Dr. Gangwani acknowledged that with a short time frame, the Faculty Senate was not able to collect all faculty issues from each school. However, as a duel member of the Council and the Senate, he assured the council that he would carry the concerns and issues discussed at the Annual Governance Retreat to the Senior Leadership. He suggested that next year planning would allow for representation from each school within the institution.

D. TTUHSC El Paso has undergone an arduous process of accreditation on all fronts, which required lots of resources, effort, and preparation that yielded excellent results thus far. As a result of the various accreditation processes, the institution has a better understanding of how to improve, integrate, and innovate.

IV. FACULTY AFFAIRS

Ko Ko Aung, M.D., M.P.H.
- AVP for Faculty Affairs, TTUHSC El Paso
- Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM

No Report

V. EPCMS REPORT

Richard McCallum, M.D.
EPCMS Representative

Dr. McCallum reported the following:

A. Dr. McCallum expressed his gratitude for those who attended the induction of the new EPCMS President, Dr. Juan Perez, and particularly to the TMA President Dr. Carlos Cardenas and to Dr. Aung for organizing the TTUHSC El Paso table.

B. Dr. McCallum will be hosting a cocktail party in May to integrate within the community, increase participation, and enhance the involvement of EPCMS within the community.

C. The Del Sol/Las Palmas Cardiology group will be hosting this month’s “El Paso Physician” on comprehensive cardiac care on KCOS TV.

D. The Texas Medical Association Annual Meeting will be held on May 18-19, 2018 in Austin to lobby and discuss relevant issues that influence funding and support for the medical school.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report
VII. NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H.
- Faculty Council President

Dr. Molokwu reported the following:

A. Silvina Tonarelli de Maud, M.D., Psychiatry, was nominated to fill a vacancy on the Academic Council to replace Dr. Gangwani, whose term had ended. Dr. Tonarelli was voted on and elected to serve a 2-year term on the Academic Council.

B. The following faculty were nominated to serve on the Ad Hoc Faculty Bylaws Review Committee chaired by Dr. Aung:
   a) Juan Figueroa-Casas, M.D., Internal Medicine
   b) Naima Khamsi, M.D., OB/GYN - Transmountain
   c) Rajkumar Lakshmanaswamy, Ph.D. – Biomedical Sciences
   d) Cynthia Perry, Ph.D., Medical Education

The council voted and approved Dr. Figueroa-Casas, Dr. Khamsi, Dr. Lakshmanaswamy, and Dr. Perry be appointed to the Ad Hoc Faculty Bylaws Review Committee.

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H.
- Faculty Council President

Dr. Molokwu reported the following:

A. The PLFSOM 2018 Commencement and Convocation ceremony will take place on Friday, May 18, 2018. Faculty members who want to participate in the faculty processional are required to wear full academic regalia. The Office of Faculty Affairs will begin taking regalia rental orders and will send out rental information soon.

B. Dr. Molokwu extended her gratitude to those who attended the 5th Annual PLFSOM Faculty Governance Retreat on January 31, 2018. As mentioned earlier in Dr. Lange’s report, the issues compiled from the Faculty Governance Retreat will not be presented to at the TTUHSC El Paso Leadership Retreat. A summary of the topics discussed will be given to members of Faculty Council to review. Dr. Lange has assured Dr. Molokwu that she will be able to report and discuss the issues from the Governance Retreat at the next Dean’s Council meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H.
- Faculty Council President

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H., Faculty Council President, adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

FOLLOW UP:

ITEM: __________________________
PERSON/DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: __________________________
TASK COMPLETED Y/N: __________________________

Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President