MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Marc Orlandi, M.D., Anesthesiology
Laxman Gangwani, Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences
Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H., President, Family and Community Medicine
Hernando Garcia, M.D., Internal Medicine
Jorge Cervantes-Gonzalez, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Education
Anantha Vellipuram, M.D., Neurology
Lisa Kafchinski, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation
Sandra Lopez, M.D., OB/GYN
Jo Rao, M.D., Pediatrics
Ricardo Salazar, M.D., President-Elect, Psychiatry
Jorge Gavito, M.D., Radiology
Brian Davis, M.D., Surgery
KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Vice President for Faculty Affairs, TTUHSC El Paso, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting
Richard A. Lange, M.D., M.B.A., President, TTUHSC El Paso, Dean, PLFSOM, ex-Officio, Non-Voting

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:
Stormy Monks, Ph.D., Emergency Medicine
Daniel Bustamante, M.D., Pathology
Richard McCallum, M.D., Community Representative, EPCMS, Non-Voting

GUESTS:
Heidi Lyn Stern, M.D., OB/GYN
Indu Pathak, M.D., Pediatrics
Thwe Htay, M.D., Medical Education
Susan Watts, Ph.D., Emergency Medicine
Miranda Alvarez, Faculty Affairs
Cindy Camarillo, Faculty Affairs
Rita Nicolini, Faculty Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER
Ricardo Salazar, M.D.

- Faculty Council President
Ricardo Salazar, M.D., 2018-2019 President of the Faculty Council, called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m., welcoming faculty participating via WebEx from the Kenworthy and Transmountain locations.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Ricardo Salazar, M.D.

- Faculty Council President
Having met quorum, the Faculty Council members unanimously approved the meeting minutes from September 17, 2018, with no changes.

III. DEAN’S REPORT
Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A.

- Dean, PLFSOM
Dr. Lange reported the following:
Dean’s report continued...

- The Texas legislature is about to enter into session, and TTUHSC El Paso will make four requests of the legislature:
  1. To preserve line-item funding for PLFSOM
  2. To increase formula funding, the amount of which has decreased since its height in 2000
  3. To provide $20 million in funding for the WLHSDM over the biennium
  4. To increase the number of GME slots in the state of Texas

- TTUHSC El Paso is still in the process of negotiating the master service agreements with the El Paso Children’s Hospital and UMC. The hope is to have these negotiations finalized by the end of this month.

- The parking agreement with UMC will be coming to an end. No students from any institution will be able to park there any longer. New tracts of land have been purchased next to the MSB which will be developed for parking in the future.

- Dr. Lange has requested that the COO and CAO determine where TTUHSC El Paso’s greatest needs are, with the hope that administrative business can be moved out of the clinic building.

- Construction on the MSB II has been delayed due to structural issues, which are currently being resolved. The new building is expected to open in the Fall of 2019, roughly six months later than originally anticipated.

- TTUHSC El Paso has also purchased the UPS building along I-10 and other additional properties, which amount to between 44,000 and 45,000 square feet that will be developed for office space and departmental support.

The following questions were addressed by Dr. Lange:

Q: Is the need for GME slots unique to TTUHSC El Paso, or is it a need across the state?
A: It is an issue across the entire state. Additional funding for GME slots can only be granted by the federal government when a new hospital is created; for example, the TTUHSC El Paso’s Transmountain location will add about 90 GME slots over the course of the next five years to the state of Texas.

IV. FACULTY AFFAIRS REPORT

KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H.

- Assistant Vice President for Faculty Affairs, TTUHSC El Paso
- Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM

Dr. Aung reported the following:

*Please see attached report*
Faculty Affair’s report continued...

The following questions were addressed by Dr. Aung:

Q: Does every member of the Faculty Council belong to all 14 standing committees?
A: No. Committee members are appointed by the dean and selected or elected from the general faculty body of the medical school.

Q: Will the bylaws be changing so the chairs of the committees will only be faculty members and not associate deans?
A: The ad hoc bylaws committee is still in session conducting the review of the bylaws. Once recommendations have been finalized, they will be brought before the Faculty Council for review and approval.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Anantha Ramana Vellipuram, M.D.

- Department of Neurology
- Faculty Council Representative

Dr. Vellipuram reported the following:

*Please see attached report

The following questions were addressed by Dr. Vellipuram:

Q: The department is doing well with research and scholarly activity. What has helped the department be successful in these areas?
A: The department tries to make presentations as often as possible, whether abstracts or posters. Once an abstract is created, it can be turned into a paper. It takes a lot of time, but it can be done. When a faculty member writes a paper, they send it to other faculty the department for a review, which helps cut down on revisions after submission. This works well for the department of neurology. With a larger workforce, the department could start performing clinical trials as well.

Q: The collaboration among the department is helpful. Is there a mentoring aspect to the papers the department writes? Is somebody guiding them?
A: During the department’s faculty meeting, there is time allotted to talk about where everyone is regarding their research. There are meetings every three or four months, and each time the department evaluates if there is research that can be presented. The entire department has followed this practice for a long time, and new faculty members benefit from it.

Q: Dr. Vellipuram is the most junior member of the faculty in his department, yet his scholarly activity is far ahead of many senior members in other departments. Though neurology is a relatively smaller and newer department, that does not mean it is not clinically busy. How can other departments emulate this model? What has the department done well, and what advice is there for other departments so they can be as productive as the neurology department or more productive than they are now?

A: When faculty members in the department are not busy or in service, they try to work on papers. Time is always a constraint, as faculty members cannot shy away from clinical work to do research. Faculty members often put in extra time, coming to the hospital on a day off to finish the work. From an academic standpoint, it is the only option.

Q: What are the challenges the department has found while performing research?

A: Some research assistants cannot log into UMC. Sometimes there is a lot of good data, but the department needs a statistician to synthesize it. There has been little collaboration between neurology and other departments.

Q: What are the barriers to recruiting a child neurologist, and what would the department need to gain momentum in that?

A: A lot of people do not know about El Paso. They only know it is a border town and have perceptions about crime, etc.. In Dr. Vellipurum’s opinion, people generally do not want to come to El Paso on their own; most people have an acquaintance that will tell them to come. A lot of the department’s recruiting is done by word-of-mouth.

Q: Has the department used the services of the Biostatistics and Epidemiology Core Laboratory (BECL), available to all faculty for research support?

A: Yes the department has used them in the past, but they are very busy.

VI. EPCMS Update
Richard McCallum, M.D.
- EPCMS Representative

No Report

VII. NEW BUSINESS
Ricardo Salazar, M.D.
- Faculty Council President

Dr. Salazar welcomed Lisa Ayoub-Rodriguez, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, as the new Pediatrics Faculty Council Representative.
VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Ricardo Salazar, M.D.
- Faculty Council President

Dr. Salazar acknowledged that due to a clerical error in the Office of Faculty Affairs, one candidate was left off the ballot for the Faculty Council President-Elect election in error. Voting will be conducted again via e-vote with all three candidates on the ballot. The three nominees for Faculty Council President-Elect are:

- Daniel Bustamante, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology
- Brian Davis, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery
- Stormy Monks, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Dr. Salazar invited Dr. Davis to address the Council for his bid to be Faculty Council President-Elect. Dr. Davis addressed the Faculty Council. Dr. Bustamante and Dr. Monks had previously addressed the Faculty Council. All candidates’ personal statements were made available for review by Faculty Council members.

*See attached

X. FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Ricardo Salazar, M.D.
- Faculty Council President

Dr. Salazar asked each Faculty Council departmental representative to introduce themselves identify their department and share their area of specialization and/or interest. The Faculty Council representatives are:

- Marc Orlandi, M.D., Department of Anesthesiology
- Laxman Gangwani, M.Sc., M.Tech., Ph.D., Department of Biomedical Sciences (Neurosciences)
- Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., Department of Family and Community Medicine
- Hernando Garcia, M.D., Department of Internal Medicine (Pulmonary and Critical Care)
- Jorge Cervantes-Gonzales, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Medical Education (Microbiology)
- Anantha Vellipuram, M.D., Department of Neurology (Neurocritical Care)
- Sandra Lopez, M.D., Department of OB/GYN (Minimal Invasive Surgery)
- Lisa Kafchinski, M.D., Department of Orthopaedics (Orthopaedic Oncology)
- Lisa Ayoub-Rodriguez, M.D., Department of Pediatrics (Border Health Curriculum Development)
- Jose Gavito-Higuera, M.D., Department of Radiology (Neuroradiology)
- Brian Davis, M.D., Department of Surgery

Not Present:

- Stormy Monks, Ph.D., M.P.H., Department of Emergency Medicine
- Daniel Bustamante, M.D., Department of Pathology

Dr. Salazar reminded the Faculty Council about the annual Faculty Council retreat that typically occurs in the beginning of the calendar year, and asked them to start thinking about changes they wanted to see made in PLFSOM.

Dr. Aung and Dr. Lange were then called to the podium to acknowledge Immediate Past-President of the Faculty Council, Dr. Lyn. Dr. Lyn has served as an elected representative on the Faculty Council since 2011, and was the President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past-President over the past two years. Dr. Aung and Dr. Lange then presented Dr. Lyn with a gift on behalf of the Council.
**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Ricardo Salazar, M.D.  
- Faculty Council President

Ricardo Salazar, M.D., the 2018-2019 Faculty Council President, adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m., reminding attendees that the next meeting will take place November 19, 2018 in the MEB, room 1120.

**FOLLOW UP:**

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Ricardo Salazar, M.D.  
PLFSOM Faculty Council President
Faculty Affairs’ Report: Faculty Governance Structure

KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H.
Vice President for Faculty Success, TTUHSC El Paso
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM

The Big Picture

Dean’s Council → Academic Council → Dean of Medical School

Faculty Grievance and Hearing Committee
Ad hoc committees

CFAPTA

Human Research Review- IRB
Ad hoc committees

Voting Faculty → Faculty Council

- Committee on Graduate Medical Education
- Committee on Medical School Admissions
- Committee on Student Grading and Promotion
- Committee on Student Affairs
- Committee on Diversity
- Committee on Continuing Medical Education
- Research Committee
- Committee on Libraries and Educational Resources
- Curriculum & Educational Policy Committee
- Committee on Clinical Affairs
- Evaluation of Education Programs
- Ad hoc committees
Faculty Council

- Elected representative from each PLFSOM department.
- 1 EPCMS representative (non-voting)
- 2 Faculty Elected EPCMS liaisons
- Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs (ex-officio, non-voting member)
- Forum for presenting, discussing, considering and making recommendations about faculty-related and education-related issues.
- Meets every 3rd Monday of each month. All Faculty are invited to attend.
Department Report
PRESENTATION TO THE FACULTY COUNCIL
BY: ANANTHA RAMANA VELLIPURAM MD
DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2018

Department Breakdown

- **Total Number of Faculty:**
  - Number of Faculty Associates: 3
  - Number of Instructors: 0
  - Number of Assistant Professors: 3
  - Number of Associate Professors: 4
  - Number of Professors: 1

- **New Faculty:**
  - Assistant Professor: Sushma Yerram MD (October 1, 2019)
Leadership

- **Chair**: Salvador Cruz-Flores MD
- **Vice Chair**: Gustavo Rodriguez MD
- **Residency Director**: Paisith Piriyawat MD
- **Clerkship Director & Clinic Director**: Darine Kassar MD

Accomplishments

**REGIONAL**
1. GETAC – Education committee of Governor’s EMS and Trauma advisory council
2. Lone Star Stroke Consortium
3. SCCM Texas – El Paso chapter
4. Comprehensive stroke center status for (Combined effort of UMC and Texas Tech)

**NATIONAL**
1. American Stroke Association Advisory Committee
2. AHA: International Committee
   - Scientific Publishing committee
   - Minority Committee
   - Stroke Leadership Committee
   - Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke in Special populations Committee
   - Latin American Initiative and Summit
3. Neuro-critical Care Society
   - Ethics Committee
   - Clinical Trials Research Committee
Accomplishments

4. Inter-American Heart Foundation
5. American Academy of Neurology
   - Vascular Neuro Self Assessment Examination Working Group
   - AAN Michael Pessin Award selection Workgroup
   - Inpatient and Emergent Measurement Set Working Group
   - Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation Measurement Set Working Group
   - Executive Committee, “Training in Research for Academic Neurologists to Sustain Careers and Enhance the Numbers of Diverse Scholars (TRANSCENDS)” in response to the NIH-NINDS’s PA (PA-13-256 — “NINDS Neuroscience development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce Eth, Humanities and Law Committee)
   - AAN Resident In-Training Advisory Committee
6. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
   - MEDCAC committee
7. SVIN – Society of vascular and interventional Neurology
   - Board member
   - Organizing committee member

Accomplishments

INTERNATIONAL
International Society of Interventional Neurology (ISIN)
   - Board member
   - Education Chair

EDITORIAL SERVICE
1. World Journal Of Radiology
2. Journal of Stroke and Neurology
3. SOJ Neurology
4. Journal of Neurological Sciences
5. Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases
6. BMC Public Health
7. Frontiers Interventional Neurology
Scholarly Activity

- **Salvador Cruz-Flores, MD – Publications 2017**


Scholarly Activity

- Salvador Cruz-Flores MD - Publications 2018

- Alberto Maud, MD – Publications 2017
Scholarly Activity

Alberto Maud, MD – Publications 2017 Cont.


Scholarly Activity

Alberto Maud, MD – Publications 2018


Scholarly Activity

Gustavo J. Rodriguez, MD – Publications 2017


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Gustavo J. Rodriguez, MD – Publications 2018


Scholarly Activity

Rakesh Khatri, MD – Publications 2017


Scholarly Activity

Rakesh Khatri MD – Publications 2018


Anantha Vellipuram, MD

Scholarly Activity

**Anantha Vellipuram, MD – Publications 2018**

- Is black tar heroin use associated with wound botulism? A report of two Hispanic patients.  
  Qureshi IA, Qureshi MA, Vellipuram AR, Kassar D.  
  eCollection 2018 Jul.  
  PMID: 29988706

- Somatosensory Evoked Potentials as a Tool to Evaluate Brainstem Herniation in the Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit.  
  eCollection 2018 Jul.  
  PMID: 29881656

- Current Endovascular Approach to the Management of Acute Ischemic Stroke.  
  Khatri R, Vellipuram AR, Maud A, Cruz-Flores S, Rodriguez GJ.  
  Review.  
  PMID: 29736735

**Darine Kassar, MD – Publications 2017**

- Black Tar Heroin Skin Popping as a Cause of Wound Botulism.  
  Qureshi IA, Qureshi MA, Rauf Afzal M, Maud A, Rodriguez GJ, Cruz-Flores S, Kassar D.  
  PMID: 28569348

- Are We Overlooking Stroke Chameleons? A Retrospective Study on the Delayed Recognition of Stroke Patients.  
  Chompoopong P, Rostambeigi N, Kassar D, Maud A, Qureshi IA, Cruz-Flores S, Rodriguez GJ.  
  PMID: 28511184

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Residency Program

- Currently accredited with no citations. However, faculty supervision is the area needing improvement.
- ACGME visit is scheduled for November 15, 2018.
- Approved positions: 10 total
  - 9 positions (3/year), starting at PGY-2 level.
  - Temporary approval for an extra position (off-cycle): 1
- New/Recent developments
  - Addition of off-campus sites:
    - Outpatient: El Paso VAMC
    - Child neurology: TTUHSC Amarillo
    - Epilepsy: UT Southwestern, University of Washington (Seattle), TTUHSC Lubbock
    - Neuro-Ophthalmology: TTUHSC Lubbock
  - First graduation: August 2018.
    - Sean Pauzauskie, M.D. - Hospitalist with University of Colorado (Fort Collins)
    - Hunter Collins, M.D. – Locum Tenen
  - New faculty recruits: Sushma Yerram, M.D. (clinical neurophysiologist/epileptologist)

Issues/Concerns

Clinical
- Recruitment
- Development of other subspecialities
- Work Space

Residency
- Faculty
- Subspeciality exposure
- Fellowship

Research
- Dedicated work force – Research assistants, statistician
- Research team cannot access cerner or PACS from UMC
Questions?