MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Marc Orlandi, M.D., Anesthesiology
Laxman Gangwani, Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences
Susan Watts, Ph.D., Emergency Medicine
Jennifer Molokwu, M.D., M.P.H., President-Elect, Family Medicine
Juan Figueroa-Casas, M.D., Immediate Past President, Internal Medicine
Cynthia Perry, Ph.D., Medical Education
Heidi Lyn, M.D., President, OB/GYN
Gilberto Gonzalez, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:
Darine Kassar, M.D., Neurology
Alireza Torabi, M.D., Ph.D., Pathology
Jo Rao, M.D., Pediatrics
Trent Filler, D.D.S., Surgery
J. Manuel de la Rosa, M.D., Provost, TTUHSC El Paso

GUESTS:
Thwe Htay, M.D., Medical Education
Dale Quest, Ph.D., Medical Education
Sanja Kupesic, M.D., Ph.D., OB/Gyn
Roberto Gamez, M.D., Pathology (Sub for Dr. Torabi)

I. CALL TO ORDER
Heidi Lyn, M.D.
- Faculty Council President
Dr. Heidi Lyn, M.D., president of the Faculty Council, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Heidi Lyn, M.D.
- Faculty Council President
Having met quorum, the Faculty Council members unanimously agreed to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2017 with no changes.

III. DEAN’S REPORT
Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A.
- President, TTUHSC El Paso
- Dean, PLFSOM
Dr. Lange reported the following:
A. Medical Science Building II Update
   a) Approximately 220,000 square feet to be utilized for Research and Educational/Administrative offices
   b) Groundbreaking will occur May 2nd and construction will take approximately 20 months to complete
B. 19 Accreditations and Site Visits this Cycle
IV. PROVOST'S REPORT
No Report

V. FACULTY AFFAIRS

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

Dr. Aung Reported the following:

A. Mid-point Review (Pre-Tenure/Pre-Promotion)
   a) April 17th is the deadline to confirm participation in the process.
   b) Workshops for potential candidates have been completed.
   c) This process is optional for Non-Tenure Track faculty members and mandatory for Tenure Track.
   d) May 31st is the deadline to submit the completed application to the Office of Faculty Affairs, where it is then peer reviewed by a departmental committee that contains CFAPTA members. An executive summary will be provided the department chair and applicant. The Chair then will discuss the results with the faculty member in the fall.
   e) The Mid-point Review is formative feedback, and a completely separate process from Promotion or Tenure.

VI. EPCMS Update

Richard McCallum, M.D.
- Community Representative, EPCMS

Dr. McCallum reported the following:

A. The Texas Medical Association held a recent meeting in Austin at the end of March and will hold one May 4&5th in Houston.

B. The recent First Tuesday at the Capitol (April 4) was well attended by doctors in white coats and medical students alike, where they met State Representaives Moody and Gonzalez. Rep. Gonzalez came to TTUHSC El Paso to speak with the student body April 14th, which builds a strong rapport.

C. State Budget
   a) $28 million will be allocated to GME permanent funds and $82 million for GME expansion grounds.
   b) Currently, TMA is lobbying for a 1:1 student to resident ratio.
   c) Cuts were made, including to family medicine and emergency medicine residency programs and education loan replacement funding. Medicaid also received significant cuts but attempts are being made to minimize vital services cuts.

D. El Paso Physician television show airs the 3rd Thursday of the month on PBS and is supported by TTUHSC El Paso and other area hospitals.

E. Recruitment Cocktail Reception for residents will be hosted soon at the EPCMS Building.

F. The Dean was encourage to find a pathway to financial support for dues and fees to facilitate membership and to increase participation among new doctors.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
No Report
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