

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

September 24th, 2021, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

VIA WEBEX



FACULTY SENATORS IN ATTENDANCE

Karinn M. Chambers, M.D., PLFSOM

Robert Danforth, D.D.S., WLHSDM

Huanyu Dou, M.D. GSBS

Geoffrey D. Guttman, Ph.D., WLHSDM

Gloria Loera, D.N.P., R.N., NEA-BC; GGHSON

Richard. W. McCallum, M.D., Nominating Committee Chair; PLFSOM

Praveen Parachuru, Ph.D., WLHSDM

Jaclyn Reyes, M.S.N., R.N. CNE, CMSRN, GGHSON

Gustavo J. Rodriguez, M.D., Faculty Senate President PLFSOM

Jennifer Salinas, Ph.D., GSBS

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., Faculty Senate President-Elect; GGHSON

Anantha Ramana Vellipuram, M.D., PLFSOM

Mingtao Zeng, Ph.D.; GSBS

FACULTY SENATORS ABSENT

GUESTS

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

Christina Blanco, D.N.P., R.N., WHNPBC, FAANP, GGHSON

Cindy Camarillo, Sr. Director, Office of Faculty Affairs

Munmun Chattopadhyay, Ph.D.; GSBS

Subramanian Dhandayuthapani, Ph.D.; GSBS

Laxman Gangwani, M.Sc., M.Tech. Ph.D.; GSBS

Rosemary Prieto, Executive Associate, Office of Faculty Affairs

Rosemary Walulu, Ph.D., R.N., ACRN; GGHSON

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gustavo Rodriguez, M.D., Faculty Senate President

Dr. Rodriguez, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM after meeting quorum and welcomed all. Attendees joined via WebEx as voted upon at the May 2021 Faculty Senate meeting.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SENATORS

Gustavo Rodriguez, M.D., Faculty Senate President

Introduction of new Faculty Senators – Dr. Rodriguez introduced the six new Faculty Senators to include Dr. Robert Danforth (WLHSDM), Dr. Huanyu Dou (GSBS), Dr. Geoffrey D. Guttman (WLHSDM), Dr. Praveen Parachuru (WLHSDM), Jaclyn Reyes (GGHSON), and Dr. Jennifer Salinas (GSBS).

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gustavo Rodriguez, M.D., Faculty Senate President

The meeting minutes for August 27, 2021 were unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate as presented.

IV. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT-ELECT ELECTION

Gustavo Rodriguez, M.D., Faculty Senate President

- a. **Faculty Senate President- Elect Statement of Interest** – Dr. Rodriguez introduced the two candidates for President-Elect and shared their statement of interest.
- b. **Candidate Remarks** – Dr. Rodriguez welcomed each candidate and invited them to address the Faculty Senate.
- c. **Faculty Senate E- Vote** – The voting faculty senators will vote via electronic secret ballot as emailed directly to them.

V. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING SENATORS

Gustavo Rodriguez, M.D., Faculty Senate President

Dr. Rodriguez recognized each of the outgoing senators who were presented with a plaque:

- Lisa Ayoub-Rodriguez, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, PLFSOM- Past President of the Faculty Council for PLFSOM
- Christina Blanco, D.N.P., R.N., WHNPBC, FAANP, GGHSON

- Munmun Chattopadhyay, Ph.D.; GSBS- Past Ad hoc Committee for Bylaws review Chair
- Subramanian Dhandayuthapani, Ph.D.; GSBS- Past Nominating Committee Chair
- Laxman Gangwani, M.Sc., M.Tech. Ph.D.; GSBS- Founding President of the Faculty Senate
- Rosemary Walulu, Ph.D., R.N., ACRN; GGHSON- Past University Affairs Committee Chair

VI. FISCAL YEAR 2022 OFFICER INDUCTIONS

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

Dr. Aung recognized and thanked all outgoing Faculty Senators and outgoing Faculty Senate President, Dr. Gustavo Rodriguez, for their service to the Faculty Senate.

- Outgoing Faculty Senate President Remarks** – Dr. Aung welcomed Dr. Rodriguez as outgoing president to provide a few remarks. Dr. Rodriguez thanked all Senators for their outstanding work and service while serving on the Senate in 2020. He outlined the accomplishments and highlighted contributions that led to the successful completion of the recent Faculty Senate Bylaws review. Dr. Rodriguez took the opportunity to share his decision to step down as the PLFSOM Senator from the Faculty Senate and wishes the Senate great success.
- Introduction of New Faculty Senate President** – Dr. Rodriguez introduced Dr. Clarissa Silva, GGHSON as the new Faculty Senate President
- Announcement of President-Elect** – Once all ballots were cast and votes were tabulated and certified, Dr. Silva announced Richard. W. McCallum, M.D., PLFSOM as the next Faculty Senate President-Elect.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., GGHSON, Faculty Senate President

- Nominating Committee Membership** – Dr. Silva presented the first order of business for the new Faculty Senate, which is to seat a nominating committee.
 - The Faculty Senate Nominating Committee is comprised of one (1) Faculty Senator from each school as elected by the Faculty Senate and will serve on the committee for a three year term
 - The responsibility of the Nominating Committee is to: (1) Recommend chairs for standing and ad hoc committees to the Faculty Senate president (2) The Nominating Committee recommends members of the voting faculty to serve on standing and ad hoc committees, subject to approval by the Faculty Senate (3) Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to chair standing or ad hoc committees (4) The Nominating Committee also oversees the solicitation of nominees for the president-elect of the Faculty Senate, as described in 2.3.1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws
 - Election of Nominating Committee will be conducted by a secret ballot of the Faculty Senate
 - The Nominating Committee will elect a chair from among its membership within 30 days of the Faculty Senate’s first meeting of the fiscal year
 - **Solicitation of Candidate – Call for Nominations** – Dr. Silva opened the floor for nominations:
 - Jaclyn Reyes self-nominates, representing the GGHSON
 - Dr. Dou nominates Dr. Jennifer Salinas, representing the GSBS
 - Dr. Danforth nominates Dr. Geoffrey D. Guttmann, representing the WLHSDM
 - Dr. Vellipuram nominates Dr. Karinn Chambers representing the PLFSOM
- Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation - Piper Professor Award** - The Faculty Senate will administer the nominations of faculty for the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation-Piper Professor Award. This award will require a committee structure to review nominations and present the finalists to the TTUHSC El Paso President. The Faculty Senate will put out a call for nominations.
 - Faculty Senate will create a subcommittee comprised of four Senators to review and vote on nominations in order to provide the most deserving candidates to the TTUHSC El Paso President.
 - Deadline for final submission to the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation is November 19, 2021.

c. Faculty Senate Next Steps

- All committee chairs were commended for their service as standing committee chairs. Their one-year terms as committee chairs have concluded. New committee chairs will be named once the Nominating Committee is formed. All committee business will resume after the Nominating Committee is formed, committee vacancies are filled, and committee chairs are named. Any scheduled committee meeting shall be postponed until such time. Standing Committee Chairs can serve an additional year as Committee Chairs if they have served only one year in such role
- The Nominating Committee will need to convene within 30 days so the committee can elect a chair, per section 4.2.4 of the bylaws
- Appointment of Committee Chairs - The Nominating Committee in consultation with the Faculty Senate President will name the committee chairs, per section 4.1.4 of the bylaws
- Committee Vacancies - Once the Nominating Committee is functional, all committee membership compositions will be reviewed and vacancies will be solicited, per section 4.1.3 of the bylaws

VI. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Open Discussion

Dr. Silva opened the floor for a round table discussion.

Discussion:

- Dr. McCallum expressed his gratitude and recognized Dr. Gustavo Rodriguez for his outstanding leadership and service as the 2020-2021 President of the Faculty Senate.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., GGHSON, Faculty Senate President

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Silva adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.M. She reminded the Faculty Senate that the next meeting will take place, October 29, 2021 via WebEx.

Clarissa Silva

Clarissa Silva (Oct 29, 2021 17:43 MDT)

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N.

Faculty Senate President 2022 - 2023

10/29/2021

Approved Date