

College of Medicine Council Meeting

Approved Minutes

105 HEB

October 22, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Williams, K., (need sign in sheet)

Council Members Absent:

Eisenmann, K., (excused);

College of Medicine (COM) Faculty and Guests:

Dr. Sharon Gaber

Agenda Item	Discussion/Report/Presentation/Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By Council President Williams at 5:00 p.m.
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not on the agenda for this meeting
COM Council President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Introduction of Dr. Gaber</u> <u>Introduction of College of Medicine Faculty and Life Sciences Faculty</u> <u>Introduction of UT COMLS graduate programs and details of #s of medical students, graduate students.</u>

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Invited Presenters	
Dr. Sharon Gaber, UT President	<p><u>Where UT is, and where should it go</u> Dr. Gaber then gave a 5-10 minute talk with regard to where UT currently is and where she would like it to go.</p> <p><u>Faculty Questions – Three items of interest/discussion</u> A. Basic biomedical faculty must do better at obtaining federal funding to strengthen our graduate training program especially.</p> <p>No discussion of how to do this, other than to bring in new funded faculty. This is expensive and currently funded faculty brought in may not stay funded, we could wind up in a few years with just more unfunded researchers.</p> <p>Another solution – hire a grant writing specialist (a very good one) to help current faculty write grants. Anyone sitting on NIH study sections can attest to the fact that well written grant proposals receive higher scores, regardless of scientific content. More prestigious research universities clearly use this method of improving grant scores, and it works. We could hire a very well recommended grant writer and select one grant application from each of the 4 basic science tracks for this person to work with. If even one of the four grants is successful, money spent would be well worth it.</p> <p>B. Discussion of a need for a senior leadership team member from HSC to advocate for HSC. Dr. Gabor came to understand that there currently is no one on the senior leadership team from HSC, except Chris Cooper for clinical affairs – which is only for part of the COM. She wants to know of the issues and problems we are having and will definitely consider adding someone to her senior leadership team from HSC.</p>

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	C. HSC Graduate Student travel fund – this will be returned, method yet to be determined.
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Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dec 15, 2015 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. HEB 105
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By Council President Williams at 6:00 p.m.
Minutes Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By Secretary Eisenmann on October 25, 2015