



DEANS & PROVOSTS COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

2450 TMC Boardroom

2450 Holcombe Blvd. Houston TX, 77021

TMC Council Members Present:

Binata Mukherjee, Rice University
Dominic A. Aquila, University of St. Thomas
Gia Merlo, Rice University
Ethan Dmitrovsky, MD Anderson
Lamar Pritchard, University of Houston
Kathryn Tart, University of Houston
Anita Hufft, Texas Women's University
Paul Ogen, TAMU

TMC Members Present:

Dr. Tim Garson, Director of Health Policy
Tatum Boatwright, Marketing Associate

HIGHLIGHTS

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Anita Hufft, Texas Woman’s University & Dr. Tim Garson, Texas Medical Center
 - The meeting commenced shortly after noon. Everyone present went around the room and introduced themselves.

- II. Proposed TMC Health Policy Course – Dr. Tim Garson, TMC & Dr. Stephen Linder, UTHealth
 - Content – Topics, Issues, Coverage
 - Logistics – Student Enrollment, Credits, Locations, Delivery Modes
 - Participation – Identification of Prospective Faculty Participants
 - Dr. Garson presented the idea of having a TMC Health Policy Course throughout the TMC Campus. The course will be designed for students to understand and be provided with topics, issues and coverage over health policy. The idea is to have this course available within a year to see if student show interest in the course.
 - The possibility of having this course turn into a minor that students will be able to declare was a discussion that was brought up during the meeting. The course could be a framework and provide basic understandings and topics in an inner professional style that students will be able to take with them in a professional setting.
 - Moving forward to gather institutions feedback and suggestions about this course, Dr. Garson and Dr. Linder will be reaching out to member institutions for a one on one discussion on their thoughts. This way, they will be able to build this course based on preferences of different member intuitions.

- III. Discussion: What can we be doing to advance the mission of the Medical Center?
 - The mission of Texas Medical Center is to assist member institutions to achieve their goals for the highest possible standards of patient care, of medical and health education, and of related research; and to promote the well-being of all citizens within the local, national and international community.
 - The council discussed different strategies moving forward that can help meet the overall mission of the Texas Medical Center. Our co-chairs opened the floor to explore topics and what different institutions are doing to meet the mission. Anita posed the question of what we can do together to break down barriers?

Many strategies were discussed and said during this discussion. Some of the most talked about strategies are listed below.

- Building stronger relationships with members throughout the TMC, this will enhance collaborations and find ways to work together.
- MD Anderson shared with the group their app that will be implemented in school districts. There are many opportunities in the public interest that our council can initiate.
- The Deans & Provosts council can start working at strategies by looking at the students they recruit and maintaining a national and statewide presentation. Also, they can increase the efforts on letting the students know they want them here and increasing the overall retention rates.
- Connecting with Houston First to create a type of media campaign of some sort and developing strategies to work towards bettering the TMC Campus through the mission.

IV. Discussion: Potential TMC Student Health Policy Group – Dr. Tim Garson, TMC

- Dr. Garson also discussed the opportunity to potential create a TMC Student Health Policy Group for the TMC Campus. This could be beneficial to have a body of students who host discussions and events related to educating the campus on the issue of Health Policy. As the Health Policy course grows, another idea was having alumni students become a part of the group and help mentor medical students currently in the course.
- A concern with this group was that it is one more group that students will need to do. The idea of creating the course a minor for students was discussed and having the group link to students with this declared minor.

V. Updates & Announcements:

- Clinical Credentialing – Anita Huft, Texas Women’s University
 - TMC is working towards a single system that will allow students and institutions to collect and store information in one location. The steps towards this process is based on requirements from the institutions and what they require students to collect. This request is currently being researched and built out by members from different institutions on campus that will help create a unified list of what program we will need. As the efforts for this program continue, institutions will need to work together to deliver and pitch this idea to the TMC Board and other member institutors.

- Overall, creating and using this program will allow for students and institutions to have a simpler way to collect and maintain student data.

VI. Action Items:

- **Council Members:** Brainstorm with your institutions on how we can advance the Texas Medical Center campus mission. If you have any suggestions or items you would like to discuss at our next meeting, please email Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu)

Next Meeting:
TBD
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