



DEANS & PROVOSTS COUNCIL

Thursday, March 30, 2017

8:30 – 10 a.m.

TMC Executive Offices

6550 Bertner Ave., Sixth Floor, Houston, TX 77030

Council Members Present:

Stephen Liner, UTHealth
Ainslie Nibert, Texas Women's University
Mike Rosato, Houston Baptist University
Anita Hufft, Texas Women's University
Chris Ray, Texas Women's University
Kathryn Tart, University of Houston
Dominic A. Aquila, St. Thomas University
Christ Evans, St. Thomas University
Berry Adams, Prairie Views University
Lorraine Frazier, UTHealth
Toi Harris, Baylor College of Medicine
Rena Schumann, Houston Baptist University
Ethan Dmitrovsky, MD Anderson
Shirlette Milton, Texas Southern University

Guest Speakers Present:

TMC Members Present:

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 8:30 a.m. All members present went around the room and introduced themselves.

- II. Welcome all new members!
 - As our campus expands, we would like to keep incorporating deans and provosts around the campus.

- III. **Campus Updates** – Deans and Provost share updates or good news
 - The council asked for each academic institution to provide brief updates about what is happening throughout their campus. Below is an outline of the updates.
 - **University of Houston:** The U of H school of nursing became a college to fit within the current school system. Dean Tart provided an overview of the transition and plans moving forward.
 - **University of St. Thomas:** On April 6, 2017, the University will host a grand opening for their new science and health profession building. This is the largest project in their history and is a state of the art technology. Additionally, the current President, Robert Ivany plans to step down this June. Richard L. Ludwick, JD, DEd will be the ninth president and will officially join the university on July 1, 2017.
 - **PVA&M:** This year, Prairie View will be launching their professional nursing program. The faculty believe that graduate education is the most effect means for preparing nurses for advanced practice roles.
 - **Texas Southern University:** Dean Milton, Interim Dean, was welcomed to the council and provided updates on the college of pharmacy and health sciences. The dean was able to go over and share multiple updates and student involvement happening throughout the year.

- **Texas Women's University:** TWU will welcome a new provost on their campus. Alan C. Utter will begin on July 1, 2017. Also, Dean Hufft provided updates on a research collaboration for nonlinear science and workshop opportunities with TWU.
- After each institution provided brief updates, the council discussed and collaborated as a whole on ideas and goals to work towards as a council. These included:
 - Sharing mega data sets among member institutions. In theory, all institutions share a common data set on a particular problem, sharing the data sets could increase the probability of solutions to come forward.
 - Collaboratively work together to create an inter professional way of teaching. By doing this, the best talent and resources can come together to focus on the best practices, education and research.
 - Schedule and plan institutional academic calendars to align with one or more member institutions. This way schooling programs can be used throughout multiple member institutions rather than one.

IV. Updates & Announcements –

- Health Policy Course Topics – Dr. Garson & Dr. Linder
 - The health policy course will begin throughout all of the TMC member institutions in January of 2018. The course is 13 sessions, each around 90 minutes a week and allow for professors to interact with students.
 - A steering committee of 18 individuals will be responsible for 1 or 2 topics in the course. Each topic will be available online and will have a virtual capability for satellite campus's
 - Topics will range throughout different issues related to health policy. At the next meeting, we will invite members of the committee to share the entire approval process of this course and the topics that have been approved in institutions curriculum committees.

V. Action Items:

- **Council Members:** Please send additional agenda items to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu)
- **Council Members:** The doodle link provided will share suggested upcoming meeting times. In order to schedule our meeting at the best time, we ask that you please select multiple dates that work for you. <http://doodle.com/poll/cggiqqtytbqezu8t>
- **Dr. Linder and Dr. Garson:** Invite the health policy steering committee to join our Q2_2017 meeting. The council would want to hear an overview and the approved topic list.

Next Meeting:
June 2017
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