



DEANS & PROVOSTS COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

TMC Executive Offices

6550 Bertner Ave. Houston, TX 77030

Council Members Present:

Anita Huft, Texas Women's University
Ainslie Nibert, Texas Women's University
Dominic A. Aquila, St. Thomas University
Lamar Pritchard, University of Houston
Binita Mukherjee, Rice University
Beena George, St. Thomas University
Chris Ray, Texas Women's University

Guest Members Present:

TMC Members Present:

Dr. Arthur "Tim" Garson, Director of the Health Policy Institute
Dr. Stephen Linder, Associate Director of the Health Policy Institute
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. Anita invited all members to go around the room and introduce themselves.

- II. Health Policy Course Topics – Dr. Tim Garson, Director & Dr. Stephen Linder, Associate Director, Health Policy Institute
 - Dr. Garson and Dr. Linder presented their strategic planning techniques for the health policy course and their efforts to bring TMC institutions together. The idea is to supplement a health policy course across all institutions on campus that will provide value to students in future years. The challenging part of this course is to be able to narrow down course topics and collaborate the curriculum with the other institutions. However, this course will attract two audiences across our campus, graduate and professional programs. This is an opportunity to bring the teams together and to start tackling problems to improve the quality of health care.
 - The plan that was discussed during this meeting is having leaders teach the course once a week at a single location. Since the TMC cannot own the course, they will provide the content and the location for students to meet. A member also suggested have a live webinar available for students to be able to watch the class virtually.
 - A couple of examples were discussed during the meeting from other institutions. The council discussed a successful program that was launched on our campus a couple of years ago. This is the graduate school of biomedical sciences. This is a SACS credited course and is jointly held by UT and MD Anderson, two very different programs that came together to create this course. On our campus, this is a model that has worked and could be used as a guide to help plan the Health Policy course across our campus. University of St. Thomas shared their experience with a course that they started that was similar to this plan. This was virtual course on Black Board that was held every other week. By doing this, it allowed for institutors to have weeks in between to have student’s complete homework.

- III. Follow-Up Discussion: What are other strategies that can move our mission forward?

- In previous meetings, the council started to discuss different strategies that could help move the Texas Medical Center's mission forward. As a council, different ideas were brainstormed that included strategies such as the items below:
 - Building strong relationships with members throughout the TMC
 - Increasing the recruitment and retention rates of students
 - Maintain a national and statewide presentation
 - Working with Houston First on a media campaign to advance the mission
 - MD Anderson introduced their app that will be implementing into public school districts
- At this meeting, members threw around different ideas that could advance the mission. These included different ideas such as:
 - The ability to mind data across all organizations. For a research aspect, if looking at courses or potential submissions to external funding the ability to access into mind data could be essential into acting early with questions.
 - Disease prevention – if there is any association that has been used to support the collaboration of the institutions disease prevention units. This is a need in the Houston area that could be meet with a proper practice.
 - One example that was discussed at the meeting was the San Jose clinic that is in located in downtown Houston. San Jose is a clinic that runs on volunteer support for their patient treatment. Having a clinic similar to this model in the medical center campus could show the delivery of the TMC mission.
 - The purpose of these brainstorming discussions at these meetings will allow the council to pick goals that we could work towards in our upcoming year as a council.

IV. Action Items:

- **Council Members:** If there is any updated provosts or deans in your institution. Please send their information to Tatum Boatwright t(tboatwright@tmc.edu) to be formally invited to the council.
- **Dr. Garson and Dr. Linder:** Draft and send an email to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu) outlining the Health Policy course.
- **Tatum Boatwright:** Create and send a Doodle to the council for the next best meeting date.