MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Adam Adler, M.D., Assistant Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation
- Olufemi Aduroja, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine – Transmountain
- Mary Josephine Amaro Esparza, D.O., Assistant Professor, Family Medicine – Transmountain
- Lisa Ayoub-Rodriguez, M.D., Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, President
- Daniel Bustamante, M.D., Assistant Professor, Pathology, Immediate Past-President
- Jose Castro-Garcia, M.D., Assistant Professor, Surgery
- Fabrizzio Delgado, M.D., Assistant Professor, Psychiatry
- Abhizith Deoker, M.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine
- Alok Dwivedi, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Molecular and Translational Medicine
- Wayde Miller, M.D., Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology
- Gerardo Vazquez, M.D., Assistant Professor, Family and Community Medicine
- Anantha Vellipuram, M.D., Assistant Professor, Neurology, President-Elect
- KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President for Faculty Success, TTUHSC El Paso, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

- Jorge Cervantes-Gonzalez, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Medical Education
- Jose Gavito-Higuera, M.D., Assistant Professor, Radiology
- Naima Khamsi, M.D., Assistant Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Stormy Monks, Ph.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine
- Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A., President, TTUHSC El Paso, Dean, PLFSOM, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting

GUESTS:

- Ratna Boppana, M.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine
- Jessica Chacon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Medical Education
- David Cistola, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Molecular and Translational Medicine
- Diego De La Mora, M.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine
- Pallavi Dubey, Ph.D., Research Instructor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Linda Ellis, M.D., Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Associate Professor, Pathology
- Rona Fagan, R.N., Faculty Associate, Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation
- David Fallah, D.D.S., Associate Professor, Surgery
- Laxman Gangwani, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Molecular and Translational Medicine
- Lynn Hernan, M.D., Associate Professor, Pediatrics
- Sanja Kupesic, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Diego Nino, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Medical Education
- Dale Quest, Ph.D., Professor, Medical Education, Representative Alternate
- Sireesha Reddy, M.D., Chair and Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Shreleka Sairam, M.D., Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine
- Dan Schuller, M.D., Chair and Professor, Internal Medicine – Transmountain
- Ajay Singh, M.D., Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
- Silvina Tonarelli, M.D., Associate Professor, Psychiatry
- Sarah Walker, M.D., EPCMS, PLFSOM Representative
- Miranda Alvarez, M.A., Associate Director, Office of Faculty Affairs
- Michelle Brown, Analyst II, Office of Faculty Affairs
- Cindy Camarillo, Sr. Director, Office of Faculty Affairs and Recruitment
# CALL TO ORDER

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President-Elect

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D., Faculty Council President-Elect, called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M., via WebEx Events. Dr Vellipuram will preside over the Faculty Council meetings for the remainder of Dr. Ayoub-Rodriguez’ term, while she is out on maternity leave.

# REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President-Elect

Having met quorum, the June 21, 2021 Faculty Council meeting minutes were voted on and approved as presented.

# FACULTY AFFAIRS UPDATE

KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM

Dr. Aung provided a brief update:

## A. 2020 & 2021 Annual Faculty Evaluations

- The deadline for submission of all 2020 and 2021 Annual Faculty Evaluations is August 2, 2021.
- Faculty should first update their Digital Measures profile with academic accomplishments and faculty goals. Part I and Part II evaluation forms can then be generated from Digital Measures. Part I should be completed by the faculty member, and Part II should be completed by the evaluator. Faculty should meet with their chair/evaluator for an evaluation conference before submitting evaluations to their department chair. Copies of evaluations should be sent to the Office of Faculty Affairs.
- Questions may be directed to the Office of Faculty Affairs:
  - For assistance with evaluations, please contact Miranda Alvarez or Cindy Camarillo.
  - For assistance with Digital Measures, please contact Ernesto Jimenez.

# DEPARTMENT REPORT

Alok Dwivedi, Ph.D.
Representative, Department of Molecular and Translational Medicine

Dr. Dwivedi provided an update from the Department of Molecular and Translational Medicine:
Department Report Continued...

*Please see attached report

Q&A
Q: Dr. Aung asked Dr. Dwivedi for clarification regarding concerns with Promotion and Tenure.
A: Dr. Dwivedi noted that some faculty members felt there was an inconsistency with being recommended for tenure and promotion by the department and the final decision made.

- Dr. Aung noted that all voting on Tenure and Promotion is confidential, so it is not possible for candidates to know how each departmental committee member, the department chair, or each CFAPTA member voted. The president makes the final recommendation to the TTU System Board of Regents. Any questions regarding the process should be directed to Dr. Aung.

- Dr. Vellipuram commended the department for their terrific scholarly output in high-impact journals, especially since they are a small department.

- Dr. Ayoub-Rodriguez suggested inviting Dr. Deborah Clegg, to a future Faculty Council meeting for further discussion on research.

V. COMMITTEE REPORT

Lynn Hernan, M.D.
Chair, Committee on Medical School Admissions

Dr. Hernan provided an update from the Committee on Medical School Admissions:

*Please see attached report
Committee Report Continued...

- Dr. Vellipuram noted that the committee is very accommodating with interviewer schedules, and encouraged all eligible faculty members to consider participating as an interviewer.
- Dr. Hernan noted that the committee can accommodate any interviewers who would like to discuss a candidate but cannot stay for the length of the review meeting by moving them to the front of the line. She also mentioned that the group of candidates is very accomplished, and she hopes others will hold them to high standards as medical students.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President-Elect

Dr. Vellipuram provided an update:

A. Approval of New PLFSOM Diversity Statement

- The PLFSOM Diversity Statement was presented by Dr. Irene Alexandraki, Associate Dean for Medical Education, at the Faculty Council meeting on May 17, 2021. The Faculty Council voted to approve the statement.

B. Call for nominations for Committee on Medical School Admissions (4 seats)

- The PLFSOM Faculty Council is soliciting for nominations to fill four (4) seats on the Committee on Medical School Admissions.
  - The committee is charged with selecting members of the medical school’s entering class based on the screening assessments and interview evaluation reports, and fills vacancies that may occur in any of the medical school classes. The term of service is three (3) years.
  - Virtual interviews take place via Zoom weekly, every Thursday, between August 5, 2021 and February 10, 2022 from 12:30 to 3 p.m., except holidays. Committee members are asked to commit to interview on at least five (5) days, or as many as possible. The Committee on Medical School Admissions holds a deliberations meeting each Thursday at 3:30 pm, following the interviews. These meetings may be in person or via Webex.
- Eligible candidates must be a current TTUHSC El Paso PLFSOM faculty member. Please submit nominations to the Office of Faculty Affairs by July 31, 2021.

C. New Faculty Council Representative: Internal Medicine – Transmountain

- Dr. Olufemi Aduroja has been elected as the new Faculty Council representative for the department of Internal Medicine – Transmountain. His term is effective beginning July 1, 2021. Dr. Mahesh Gajendran has left the institution to pursue a fellowship at UT Health San Antonio. The Faculty Council thanks Dr. Gajendran for his service to the Faculty Council, and welcomes Dr. Aduroja.
VII. OLD BUSINESS

Anantha Vellipuram, M.D.
PLFSOM Faculty Council President-Elect

Dr. Vellipuram announced the following:

A. Call for Nominations: Faculty Council President-Elect
   o The deadline to submit nominations for 2021-2022 Faculty Council President-Elect has been extended to August 6th. Please submit nominations to Miranda Alvarez in the Office of Faculty Affairs. Nominees must currently serve as a Faculty Council representative. The elected Faculty Council representative will assume the duties of the President-Elect in September 2021, and then the positions of President and Immediate Past-President in the subsequent two years. Representatives may self-nominate, or nominate a current Faculty Council representative.

B. Faculty Council Seats up for Election/Re-election
   o In accordance with the terms prescribed in the PLFSOM Faculty Bylaws, the following departments’ voting seat on the PLFSOM Faculty Council is up for election/re-election:
     ▪ Emergency Medicine (current representative – Dr. Stormy Monks)
     ▪ Family and Community Medicine (current representative – Dr. Gerardo Vazquez)
     ▪ Molecular and Translational Medicine (current representative – Dr. Alok Dwivedi)
     ▪ Obstetrics and Gynecology (current representative – Dr. Naima Khamsi)
   o New or re-elected representatives will take their seat on the council in September 2021.
   o If a council representative whose seat is up for election/re-election is nominated and elected for President-Elect, they will be exempt from the departmental election and will automatically continue as the department representative for the next 3 years to serve out terms of office as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past-President.

C. Nominations for Faculty Grievance and Hearing Committee (7 seats)
   o The PLFSOM Faculty Council received several nominations to fill seven (7) seats (2 junior level, 5 senior level) on the PLFSOM Faculty Grievance and Hearing Committee. Candidates who were nominated will be notified and asked to confirm acceptance of their nomination. The Faculty Council voted and approved for the list to be forwarded to the Dean for final selection, once finalized.
Dr. Walker reported on the El Paso County Medical Society:

*Please see attached report*

- A few of the items discussed at the July El Paso County Medical Society (EPCMS) meeting included:
  - **The Texas Medicaid Drug Utilization Board**: The deadline to submit applications to serve as a member of the Board is August 1, 2021. This is a great opportunity for state involvement for faculty tenure and promotion.
  - **Legislative Wins**
    - Prior Authorization Gold Card was passed: Doctors with a 90% approval rating on specific procedures will be exempt from prior authorizations for a period of about six (6) months per procedure, per insurance.
    - Multiple extension of scopes billed were defeated: Midwives will not have diagnostic privileges.
    - Youth electronic cigarette usage: The sale of electronic cigarettes will be regulated similarly to tobacco products.
    - Pharmacy benefit manager clawbacks were prohibited, helping to prevent the rescinding of approvals.
    - Medicaid telemedicine expansions that occurred during the pandemic were made permanent.
    - Regarding the budget: maintained the goal of a 1:1 ratio for residency spots to Texas medical students, increased spending in women’s health, maintained Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) funding, and increased mental health consortium by $20 million.
  - **Continuing Medical Education (CME) opportunity**: Registration is open for the upcoming CME opportunity, *Closing a Practice: Planned and Unplanned*, by Dr. Christine Brandl and Mr. Allan Goldfarb on July 29, 2021 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM.
  - **Social Event**: The Medical Center of the Americas will host an event on August 24, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Cardwell Collaborative Building. Emma Schwartz, M.P.H., President of
EPCMS Update Continued... the Medical Center of the Americas, will encourage discussion regarding the vision of El Paso, the vision of future centers of excellence, research collaboration, and attracting industry.

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<th>Dr. Vellipuram adjourned the meeting at 1:04 P.M. and reminded the Faculty Council that the next meeting will take place, via WebEx, on Monday, August 16, 2021 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.</th>
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FACULTY AFFAIRS UPDATE

KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, PLFSOM

2020 & 2021 ANNUAL FACULTY EVALUATIONS REMINDER

• **Step #1:** Update your Digital Measures Profile with your academic accomplishments and faculty goals.

• **Step #2:** Generate your Annual Faculty Evaluation **Part I** and **Part II** Form from Digital Measures. Provide your evaluator with your **Part I** form (completed by you) and **Part II** (to be completed by your evaluator) by the deadline determined by your department.

• **Step #3:** Meet with your chair/evaluator for an evaluation conference. The deadline for submission of all faculty evaluations is **August 2, 2021.**
QUESTIONS?

• **Annual Evaluations**
  • **Miranda Alvarez, MA,** Associate Director for Faculty Services
    • miranda.alvarez@ttuhsc.edu
    • 915-215-4132
  • **Cindy Camarillo,** Senior Director for Faculty Affairs and Recruitment
    • cindy.camarillo@ttuhsc.edu
    • 915-215-4130

• **Digital Measures**
  • **Ernie Jimenez,** Lead Analyst, Faculty Affairs
    • ernjimen@ttuhsc.edu
    • 915-215-5552
Department Report

PRESENTATION TO THE FACULTY COUNCIL
BY: ALOK DWIVEDI, Ph.D.
DATE: 07/20/2021

Department Breakdown

- Total Number of Faculty: 15
  - Instructors: 1
  - Assistant Professors: 6
  - Associate Professors: 5
  - Professors: 3

Diagram:

- Department of MTM
  - Center of Emphasis in Cancer: 1 Professor
    - 1 Associate Professor
    - 4 Assistant Professors
    - 1 Research Instructor
    - N=7
  - Center of Emphasis in DM & Metabolism: 1 Professor
    - 1 Assistant Professor
    - N=2
  - Center of Emphasis in Infectious Diseases: 1 Professor
    - 2 Associate Professors
    - N=4

- Center of Emphasis in Neurosciences: 1 Associate Professor

- Division of Biostatistics & Epidemiology
  - 1 Associate Professor
  - 1 Associate Professor
  - N=1
  - N=1
Leadership

Dean of Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Department of MTM, Chair

COE-C Director

COE-DM Director

COE-ID No Director

COE-NS No Director

DBE No Director/Chief

BECL Director

Associate Appointments

Most of the faculty members are associated with Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, TTUHSC EP.

- Dr. Calderón-Mora
  - Research Instructor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, PLFSOM, TTUHSC EP

- Dr. Cistola
  - Served as an Interim Vice President for Research, PLFSOM, TTUHSC EP

- Dr. Dwivedi
  - Associate Professor, Department of Neurology & Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Cincinnati
  - Associated Faculty, Border Biomedical Research Center, UTEP

- Dr. Gadad
  - Adjunct Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas
  - Adjunct Faculty, INDICASAT, Panama

- Dr. Salinas
  - Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, PLFSOM, TTUHSC EP
Institutional Committees

- **Faculty senate, TTUHSC EP**
  - Representative: Dr. Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dhandayuthapani, Dr. Gangwani
  - Dr. Zeng, Chair Research Affairs; Dr. Dwivedi, Dr. Zhang, Dr. Walker
  - Dr. Dou & Dr. Zeng: University Affairs, Faculty Affairs

- **Faculty council, PLFSOM**
  - Representative: Dr. Dwivedi

- **Graduate council, GSBS**
  - Representative: Dr. Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dhandayuthapani, Dr. Dwivedi, Dr. Eiring, Dr. Walker

- **CFAPTA, TTUHSC EP**
  - Dr. Dou, Dr. Lakshmanaswamy

- **Academic Council, TTUHSC EP**
  - Dr. Dou, Dr. Lakshmanaswamy

- **IACUC, TTUHSC EP**
  - Dr. Chattopadhyay, Chair; Dr. Dhandayuthapani, Dr. Dou

- **Committee on Evaluation of Education Program, PLFSOM**
  - Dr. Dwivedi

- **IBC, TTUHSC EP**
  - Dr. Dhandayuthapani, Chair; members: Dr. Dou, Dr. Gadad, Dr. Zeng

- **Council on diversity and inclusion**
  - Dr. Dou, Dr. Calderón-Mora

- **WIMS**
  - Dr. Calderón-Mora, Career Development Committee, Chair-elect

Awards/Honors/Accomplishments

- **Dr. Chattopadhyay:**
  - Faculty Service Award, Student Government Association, TTUHSC EP
  - Executive Steering Committee Member at Gulf Coast Consortia Texas Pain Research, 2020-Present
  - Search committee member for diabetes, neurosciences

- **Dr. Cistola:**
  - Search committee chair for diabetes
  - Department P&T chair

- **Dr. Dou:**
  - Reviewer for NIH, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group, Innovative Research in Cancer Nanotechnology, ZRG1 IMST-L (55) in 2020
  - Faculty Advocate, El Paso Collaborative Research Community (TTUHSC ep – UTEP)

- **Dr. Dwivedi:**
  - External evaluator for P&T at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Buffalo
  - Associate Editor for Journal of Investigative Medicine-BMJ
  - Search committee chair for biostatistics, search committee member for diabetes

- **Dr. Eiring:**
  - American Society of Hematology (ASH) Career Development Mentor, ASH Minority Medical Student Award Program (MMSAP). Mentee: Joshua J. Lara, Joshua J. Lara (medical student), Accepted into the Minority Medical Student Award Program offered through the American Society of Hematology.
Awards/Honors/Accomplishments

- Dr. Gadad:
  - Topic Editor: Cancers (MDPI), 2021
  - Associate Editor, BMC Cancer, (Springer Nature), 2020
  - Academic Editor, PLOS One, 2020
  - Associate Editor, BMC Molecular and Cell Biology, (Springer Nature), 2020
  - Member of reviewer board, Cells (MDPI), 2020
  - Chair (CR12. Steroid and Nuclear Receptors), Endocrine Society Annual Meeting; San Francisco; March 28-31, 2020

- Dr. Gangwani:
  - Guest Editor of Special Issue on Neuromuscular Disorders: Laxman Gangwani, Ph.D. Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration and Therapeutic Developments, Neuroscience Insights, 2020-2021
  - Search committee chair for neurosciences

- Dr. Lakshmanaswamy:
  - Minnie Stevens Piper Compendium award

- Dr. Reddy:
  - Invited reviewer for the Endocrine Society’s Annual Meeting, ENDO 2021 (October 7th 2020).

- Dr. Salinas:
  - Search committee member for biostatistics

- Dr. Walker:
  - Faculty Excellence Award, Student Government Association of TTUHSC El Paso, 2020

- Dr. Zhang:
  - Vessel Plus, Guest Editor for Special Issue “Advancements in Cerebral Cavernous Malformations” (published in 2021)

Educational Involvement

- Most faculty invest 10-20% efforts in teaching graduate students, GSBS
- Most faculty members mentor GSBS students, SARP students, and student volunteers
- Dr. Dwivedi, Dr. Salinas, and Dr. Gadad were involved in selecting post bac students for year-2021
- Dr. Eiring and Dr. Dou were involved in selecting graduate students for year-2021
- We continuously maintained a 70-80% success rate of our graduate students in getting into a medical school program and other further education programs/jobs
- Dr. Cistola, Dr. Dwivedi, Dr. Eiring, Dr. Lakshmanaswamy were also involved in faculty development course modules.
- Dr. Dwivedi-Board review-biostatistics, Department of Internal Medicine
Peer reviewed publications in 2020-2021

Publications between 2020-2021

Abstracts/presentations between 2020-present

High impact manuscripts published in 2020-21

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Publications from DM and NS

**Dr. Chattopadhyay:**


**Dr. Cistola:**


**Dr. Gangwani:**

Publications from ID

Dr. Walker:

Dr. Dour:

Dr. Dhandayuthapani:

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Major publications from cancer

Dr. Eiring:

Dr. Gadad:

Dr. Reddy:
Major publications from cancer

Dr. Zhang:

Dr. Calderón-Mora:

Dr. Salinas:

Major publications from biostatistics & epidemiology

Dr. Dwivedi:
Patents

Dr. Dou:

Dr. Cistola:

Dr. Zhang:
- "SERUM BIOMARKERS FOR PREDICTING AND PREVENTING HEMORRHAGIC STROKE" US AND: 2020-055 (Provisional 142994) 2020
- Upgraded to International Patent (PCT/US21/35907), EFS ID: 42903995 June 04, 2021

Grants funded between 2020-2021

Dr. Gangwani:
- R01 NS115834-01A1 NIH/NINDS, 01/01/2021-12/31/2025
  The functions of the zinc finger protein ZPR1 in R-loop metabolism and neurodegeneration.
  Role: PI, Total: $2,161,500.00
- NS115834A-Diversity Supplement, NIH/NINDS 07/01/2021-06/30/2022
  The functions of the zinc finger protein ZPR1 in R-loop metabolism and neurodegeneration.
  Role: PI Diversity Supplement, Total: $82,877.00

Dr. Dou
- NIH DK117383 Subcontract PI

Dr. Dhandayuthapani
- NIH R15, PI

Dr. Chattopadhyay
- UTEP-TTUHSC El Paso Seed Grant, ($25,000). 6/1/2021-5/31/2022
Grants funded between 2020-2021

- **Dr. Eiring:**
  - Transition Career Development Award (K22), NCI, NIH. 1 K22 CA216008-01. “G0S2 in chronic myeloid leukemia disease progression and imatinib resistance.” Response to NOT-OD-21-052, “ Requesting extensions for early career scientists whose career trajectories have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.” ($119,800). PI: Eiring. 9/1/2021-2/28/2022.
  - Scholarly Activity and Research Program (SARP) Mini-Grant 2021, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. “CO/G1 switch gene 2 (G0S2) as a tumor suppressor in FLT3-mutated acute myeloid leukemia.” Jose Lopez, Mariah Perkins, and Nhu Nguyen SARP medical student research project ($4,000). PI: Eiring
  - Scholarly Activity and Research Program (SARP) Mini-Grant 2021, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. “A role for proteasome 26S subunit, non-ATPase 3 (PSMD3) in FLT3-mutated acute myeloid leukemia (AML).” Joshua Lara, Vanessa Velazquez, and Emily McCall SARP medical student research project ($4,000). PI: Eiring
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- **Dr. Gadad:**
  - Caldwell Foundation 05/01/2021 - 03/04/2022; $33,300 direct costs

- **Dr. Reddy:**
  - Caldwell Foundation; SARP Mini-Grant 2021

- **Dr. Dwivedi:**
  - Role: CO-I, BEST 3: The Breast Cancer Education Screening and Navigation Program in West and South Texas (PI: Navkiran Shokar) - $2,500,000
  - Role: CO-I, Southwest Coalition for Colorectal Cancer Screening (SuCCCeS) 2 (PI: Navkiran Shokar) - $2,500,000

Issues/Concerns

Based on collective inputs from faculty members.

- We thank Dr. Lange & Dr. Raj for improvements in the department.
- **Promotion and tenure concerns:**
  - There is a mismatch between department promotion & tenure decisions versus the final decisions taken at higher levels.
  - CFAPTA may include more basic science faculty members while making decision for P&T.
  - In the past 5 years, only limited faculty members were granted a tenure.
- **Center related concerns:**
  - The centers of infectious diseases, neurosciences and division of biostatistics do not have a director for many years.
  - No efforts in the past were made to maintain the independence status of each center.
- **Core facilities related concerns:**
  - The histology, genomics, and imaging core facilities are needed.
  - The lack of core facilities greatly impairs research productivity. At the very least we need flow cytometry, nucleic acid sequencing, and histology.
- **General faculty concerns:**
  - Some faculty feel that their concerns would never be addressed.
  - Some faculty members do not necessarily feel connected to MTM nor do they feel that most people know them nor their work.
  - We lost more than 50% faculty members and 80-90% particularly in some centers in the past 5 years.
  - Some faculty members feel that the overall efficiency of the department of MTM is still low.
  - Overall, the sense of belonging is low among faculty members.
Questions?
Committee Composition and Terms of Service

- 22 committee members, 20 Voting Members, **4 Current Vacancies**
- Chair: Lynn Hernan, MD
- Vice-Chair: Gregory Patek, MD
- EPCMS Rep James Boone, MD
- 2 Ex-Officio (non-voting): Assistant Dean of Admissions and Senior Director of Admissions

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Committee Charge

- The Committee shall have full authority to select members of the medical school entering class based on the screening assessments and interview evaluation reports and to fill vacancies that may occur in any of the medical school classes. A list of recommended candidates to be offered positions through the Texas Medical and Dental School Application Service (TMDSAS) matching process will be prepared based on a ranking determined following deliberations by the Committee. The Committee also shall have the responsibility to review the requirements for admission and, if necessary, to recommend revisions to the faculty.

Actions taken since last report (July 2020)

- Completed 613 interviews
- Scholarship sub-committee; awarded 39 scholarships from Admissions Office (16 Foster, 6 Excellence, 3 OOS Waivers, 2 private)
  - 12 New $10,000 need-based “achievement” awards were made along with Student Affairs
- June 30, 2021 matriculated 117 new students, 9 repeaters
- Received 5481 primary applications & 3657 completed applications (increase of 876 total and 578 complete apps vs. EY20)
- 309 total offers extended
- Accepted 1 Advance Transfer student into MS3
Actions taken since last report

- 4 COVID-19 deferred offers and 3 regular deferral approved for EY22
- EY2022 Applications opened up May 1
- 12 current MS4s applied and will serve as student interviewers for EY22
- New approvals:
  - Committee approved to accept DACA applicants (on-hold per Chancellors office)

MATRICULATING MEDICAL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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| Border Counties | - | 7 | 13 | 24 | 28 | 26 | 32 | 33 | 21 | 27 | 21 | 35 |
| El Paso | 8 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 23 | 24 | 29 | 25 | 19 | 23 | 18 | 27 |
| African American | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 9 |

| Class Size | 60 | 81 | 80 | 100 | 104 | 104 | 103 | 103 | 100 | 104 | 110 | 117 |
| Male | 35 | 44 | 42 | 65 | 47 | 67 | 59 | 56 | 49 | 52 | 52 | 55 |
| Female | 25 | 37 | 38 | 35 | 57 | 37 | 44 | 47 | 51 | 52 | 58 | 62 |

| Applicants | 2531 | 2719 | 2946 | 3105 | 3375 | 3694 | 4043 | 3950 | 3982 | 4471 | 4604 | 5481 |
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| Interviewed | 378 | 593 | 548 | 626 | 566 | 538 | 510 | 535 | 546 | 602 | 649 | 613 |
Admissions Committee Process

- Candidates discussed
- Voting (high priority, acceptable, reject)
- Categorized by vote:
  1. High Priority (unanimous high priority votes)
  2. Highly Acceptable -1, -2, -3
  3. Very Acceptable (4+ acceptable votes)
  4. Acceptable (majority acceptable votes)
  5. Reject
- Ranked within category by weighted scores
  (Interview: 30%, MCAT: 30%, SGPA: 35%, GPA: 5%)

**Rank list is generated after the first interview date and updated weekly throughout interview season.**

Upcoming actions

- All interviews will be held virtually Aug 5, 2021-Feb 18, 2022 (24 dates)
- Committee Meetings will be offered both live and virtually
- Plan to sit 124 new students for EY2022
- Goal to interview 620 this season
Current Issues/Concerns

- We are **significantly behind in # of interviewers** signed up. Have 20 signed up for entire season, we need 100 in order to meet goal of 620 interviews
- Anticipating class size expansion we will need to interview more candidates to meet demand
- **PLEASE sign up for just 5 days between Aug and Feb!**
- Filling committee vacancies will help us meet quorum
EL PASO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Sarah Walker, M.D.
EPCMS – PLFSOM Representative

EPCMS Report

July 20, 2021
Sarah Walker, MD
Opportunity

- Applications for Texas Medicaid Drug Utilization Board
  - Deadline: August 1, 2021

Legislature Wins

- Prior Authorization gold card passed
- Multiple extension of scopes billed defeated
- Youth ecig use-require businesses to obtain permits and set up same as all tobacco
- Pharmacy benefit manager clawbacks, prohibited
- Medicaid telemedicine expanded payments permanent
- Budget
  - 1.1 Residency spot to TX medical student ratio
  - Increased spending for women’s health
  - Maintained ECI funding
  - Increased Mental Health consortium by $20 million
Upcoming CME

• Closing a Practice: Planned and Unplanned
  • July 29 @5:30-6:30
  • Presenters: Dr. Christine Brandl and Allan Goldfarb Moderator: Dr. Jeffrey Spier
  • Registration link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/closing-a-medical-practice-planned-and-unplanned-tickets-163131040333

Social Event with Medical Center of the Americas

• August 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 at Cardwell Collaborative Building
• Emma Schwartz, President
  • Vision of El Paso
  • Vision of Future centers of excellence
  • Research Collaboration
  • Attracting Industry