



**The University of Texas System Chancellor's Council Executive Committee
2014 Winter Meeting Minutes**

January 25, 2014

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Quorum Present: Yes

Proceedings:

- Chairman Joe Holt called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and thanked everyone for making the trip through the inclement weather and challenging travel conditions.
- Chairman Holt acknowledged that the fall 2013 Chancellor's Council Executive Committee meeting minutes were reviewed and approved during the earlier morning session.
- New members in attendance were introduced:
 - Rick Beeler and wife, Cissy – *Houston*
 - Tod Greenwood and wife, Amy - *Houston*
 - Tom Peel and wife, Cindy – *Coppell*
 - Linda Wilkinson and husband, Marl Adleman - *Wimberley*
- Chancellor Cigarroa expressed his appreciation to President Callender and his team for hosting the winter meeting and welcoming the Executive Committee to their campus. Additional remarks included:
 - > a brief history of UTMB and Ashbel Smith
 - > an explanation of how the Galveston National Laboratory was funded and its significant role for UTMB, our state and our nation
 - > a summary of how the Permanent University Fund is structured and how it uniquely supports higher education across the state
 - > a discussion regarding how funding is allocated from West Texas Lands and related investments
 - > an update on the Institute for Transformational Learning and how MOOCs are transforming medical education
 - > a progress report on the UT Austin Dell Medical School and the newly announced dean, S. Claiborne "Clay" Johnston, M.D., Ph.D., currently Associate Vice Chancellor of Research at the University of California, San Francisco, as the inaugural dean of the UT Austin Dell Medical School.

- Q & A for the Chancellor
 - > A member asked for a brief update on media reports surrounding faculty concerns at the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. Chancellor responded that the faculty felt like they didn't have a voice and that the reporting structure has been changed to address this concern.

- Vice Chancellor Randa Safady provided an abbreviated version of the Executive Summary on philanthropy that she would be reporting to the Board of Regents in February. She conveyed our sincere gratitude to donors for sharing their time and resources. She also shared data illustrating fundraising five-year trends across the UT System and across the nation. She was pleased to report that UT Austin ranked 8th and UTMDACC ranked 16th nationally among public higher education institutions. She went on to report that we are on target for raising funds for institutional priorities.

- Chairman Holt provided a brief history of the Chancellor's Council and the Executive Committee and reintroduced a discussion of the CCEC composition. With the changes across the UT institutions over time, he suggested this to be a good time to consider updating the criteria of the Chancellor's Council. He reported that a working group had been created and met to review the concerns expressed at the 2013 CCEC fall meeting.
 - > Vice Chancellor Safady reported on recommendations from the working group that met in January:
 - Qualifications for membership to the Chancellor's Council would remain at cumulative giving of \$10,000;
 - In order to be considered for nomination to the Executive Committee, CC member must have made a cumulative gift of \$25,000 or more;
 - Modifications should be made to the nomination process to encourage geographical representation across the state. Membership should also strive for greater diversity;
 - Increase annual contribution of Active CCEC Members to \$2,500;
 - Increase annual contribution of Lifetime Members to \$2,000, to be grandfathered for five years;
 - Reduce total term of Active Members from 15 to 12 years;
 - Require Active CCEC members to attend one meeting a year, but grandfather current CCEC members until their current terms expire;
 - CCEC Chairman would appoint current Regent to serve as non-voting member of nominating committee;

 - > Chairman Holt, Chancellor Cigarroa and Vice Chancellor Safady responded to questions and concerns from the floor:
 - Would gifts to other UT institutions count towards qualifying for the \$25,000 cumulative giving total? Per Holt, yes.

 - Would gifts to all UT affiliated organizations, including Athletics, be considered towards meeting the increased minimum? Per Safady, yes, if it is for philanthropic purposes.

- If gifts to other UT supporting organizations are included, how will we manage the large numbers of new members? Per Safady, we are still considering the implications of increased numbers, but it would likely mean that reservations to events such as fall meeting would be accepted on a first come basis.
 - Will people be asked to resign from the Executive Committee if they do not attend meetings and what is the meeting requirement the committee is recommending? Per Safady, if members are not able to meet the requirements, they will transition out of the CCEC others may have the opportunity. They would still remain members of the Chancellor's Council. The requirement suggested is 3 meetings out of 9 in a three-year term –equal to one meeting a year. The current by-laws state 2 meetings out of a three-year term.
 - Another member commented that was essentially three football games, if the member only attends the fall meetings and asked whether there should be more skin in the game? Another member shared this concern and suggested the requirement be increased to 4 out of 9 meetings in a three-year term.
 - Another member asked why we are adding a Regent to the nominating committee? Safady reminded members that the Chancellor's Council was created by the Board of Regents and the Development Board and that she needs to present a report to the Board annually. The CCEC chair would select the non-voting Regent.
 - Another member asked about the significance of having a Regent on the nominating committee. Safady stated the Regent could serve as an ambassador of the CCEC and help educate others on the purpose of the CCEC.
 - Several members expressed concern over how we would determine how to move forward. A suggestion was made to send a survey and/or ballot to the entire CCEC membership asking for feedback and for a vote.
 - A member asked whether these changes might diminish fundraising opportunities if we remove non-attending members from the roster. Safady stated we will go over attendance requirement with all new members.
 - Another member asked that we better define meeting requirements between active and lifetime members. He wanted further clarification as to if we are asking them to contribute, but not to attend meetings. Safady agreed that we need to better define requirement and said we would continue to encourage lifetime members to attend functions.
- > Chairman Holt brought Q&A to a close and Vice Chancellor Safady stated that she would be pleased to discuss further on an individual basis. Holt wrapped up the discussion by stating that an email and print communication (for those without email) would be sent out regarding the discussion. Holt further stated that he would assemble the nominating committee in the coming weeks. He also stated that he was grateful for Chairman Foster's input at the fall meeting.

- Vice Chancellor Safady provided information regarding the dates for the spring and fall meetings.
- Chairman Holt closed the meeting by thanking the Chancellor for his leadership and acknowledging UTMB's importance and significance to the state of Texas.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Julie Lynch