

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

UTHSC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE:	November 8, 2024	Mooney Library
DAY:	Friday	875 Monroe Avenue
TIME:	11:00 AM	Memphis, TN

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Present:

Board Members:

Philip Wenk, Chair

Josh Wayman

Randall Davis

Michael Ugwueke

Margaret Bohm

Natalie Tate – joined virtually by Zoom

Jillian McCarthy – joined virtually by Zoom

Staff:

Peter Buckley, Chancellor

Raaj Kurapati

Cindy Russell

Paul Wesolowski

Vikki Massey

Deans:

Ken Tilashalski

Don Thomason

Stephen Alway

Wendy Likes

Reggie Frye

Guests: Members of the HSC community and the public were invited to participate either in person or via webcast. Recognized guests include West Tennessee Healthcare's (WTH) Tina Prescott, Chris Matheney, Vanessa Patrick, Darrell King, and Dr. Jackie Taylor who each joined via Zoom; and Campbell Clinic's Dr. James Beaty, and Dr. Frederick Azar who joined in person.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Phil Wenk called the meeting to order at 11:01 am

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The motion for approval of the previous meeting minutes was moved by board member Dr. Josh Wayman and seconded by board member Dr. Randall Davis.

3. Student Remembrance

Chair Wenk addressed the recent tragic death of Ellie Young, College of Medicine (COM) student. Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer (EVC-COO), Raaj Kurapati also said a few words and asked for a moment of silence.

4. JR Ross Recognition

Dr. Wendy Likes addressed the WTH colleagues who joined by Zoom, by presenting a plaque and recognizing WTH President/CEO, JR Ross who passed in September. Dr. Likes requested a moment of silence. Dr. Likes spoke on JR's occupational history and offered the floor to Ms. Prescott.

Ms. Prescott spoke about JR's family and asked for prayers for the family.

Remarks: Dr. Peter Buckley stated Dr. Wenk will drive the plaque to WTH in Jackson, TN, this afternoon. Dr. Wenk spoke about his relationship with JR.

5. Campbell Clinic Recognition

Dr. Buckley made mention of Regional Campus Dean, Dr. Robert Craft's mother who passed away this week.

He then invited Vice Chancellor of Strategic Partnership, Paul Wesolowski to present the recognition to Campbell Clinic colleagues, Dr. Beaty and Dr. Azar, who he invited up to the podium.

Mr. Wesolowski celebrated the partnership and alliance between UT Health Science Center and Campbell Clinic. He spoke on the origins of the residency program and history of Campbell Clinic as well as areas of partnership; he also presented a plaque.

Dr. Beaty accepted the plaque and displayed his pride in the relationship between both entities.

Dr. Azar stated his honor to train the next generation and continuing the relationship.

Remarks: Chair Wenk thanked both doctors on behalf of the board.

6. Audiology and Speech Pathology (ASP) Video

Dr. Buckley introduced a six-minute video in celebration of 70 years of the ASP program. The video featured those who have been impacted as patients, faculty, and staff.

Remarks: Dr. Buckley gave thanks to those involved and spoke on family and community.

7. Chancellor's Update

Dr. Buckley offered an update on the COM Executive Dean search, which launched in July, and thanked co-chairs EVC-COO Kurapati, and Dean of College of Pharmacy (COP), Dr. Reginald Frye. The search will be more visible once interviews move on campus in early 2025.

Regarding the search for the Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications and Marketing, Dr. Buckley said there was a recent external consultation, and he thanked Vice Chancellor for Advancement, Brigitte Grant, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement for Methodist Le Bonheur, Maureen O'Connor, for their co-chair efforts.

With public encouragement, Dr. Buckley asked everyone to make the tilt in branding by using University of Tennessee Health Science Center instead of UTHSC.

Other acknowledgements included recent town halls, Employee Appreciation Day, and an upcoming retreat with President Randy Boyd which will focus on access, recruitment and retention as well as fundraising; he gave his appreciation to both Vice Chancellor Cindy Russell and VC Grant who are co-chairing the retreat.

Remarks: Chair Wenk asked Dr. Buckley to remind everyone of the President’s Council Showcase with President Boyd being hosted on campus mid-November, which will showcase how the Health Science Center contributes to the entirety of the UT System.

8. College Updates

Updates on the six colleges include:

College of Medicine: VC Russell delivered updates on behalf of Interim Executive Dean, Dr. Nick Verne and consisted of questionnaire and exam results (positive), an update on current Chair searches, Golden Graduates Homecoming, and the inaugural Resident and Fellow Research Day.

Remarks: No comments

College of Dentistry: Dean Ken Tilashalski delivered updates for dentistry as his first Advisory Board presentation as Dean. He spoke on the renewed vision and mission in the COD and how to better take care of their student, faculty and staff, and Tennessean stakeholders.

Remarks: Randy Davis asked about the timeline for the Savannah, TN clinic. Although there is no solid timeline, a benefactor has purchased the land, and the next stage is to obtain a model plan.

College Of Graduate Health Sciences: Dean Donald Thomason delivered updates about the 25-30 Strategic Plan, fall 24 student body, gift awards – with special thanks to VC Grant and Greg Harris -, and the recent White Coat Ceremony in October.

Remarks: Chair Wenk congratulated Dean Thomason on the report and numbers.

College of Health Professions: Dean Stephen Alway framed the project of ASP in 2008, referring to the video which played earlier in the meeting. He offered his appreciation to all partners, Dean Thomason, and institutional leadership who helped make the ASP facility project a success.

Remarks: Chair Wenk acknowledged Bernard Silverstein and Harold Luper for the foundation they laid in ASP.

College of Nursing: Dean Likes delivered updates on CON, noting an increase in enrollment, a recent Department of Labor grant, 10-year accreditation, and the launch of DNP for Nurse Executives.

Remarks: Chair Wenk commented on 10-year accreditation and congratulated Dean Likes on the DNP for nurse executives

College of Pharmacy: Dean Reggie Frye delivered updates on the college’s personnel accomplishments, as well as and student awards and accomplishments.

Remarks: Chair Wenk offered congratulations on the ongoing success of the COP.

9. Capital Projects Update

EVC-COO Kurapati provided an overview of capital and major projects, broken down among the following categories.

a. Major Capital Projects – Currently Funded

- a. Six major projects are currently in process. EVC-COO Kurapati recognized colleagues in Nashville who were instrumental in helping fund the projects, totaling near \$100 million. EVC-COO Kurapati presented on each of the six projects (*please refer to presentation slideshow*).

- b. In addition to the state funded projects are several smaller projects funded by sources within the institution and include Dunn Dental Building projects, campus fencing, 920 7th & 10th floor renovation, campus security lighting, and Dunn Dental Vacuum System.

Remarks: Chair Wenk offered his appreciation in knowing there is a capital plan for these issues. EVC-COO Kurapati recognized the team who make these things happen, namely Assistant Vice Chancellor Edwin Jeffres.

- b. Comprehensive Space Utilization Study
 - a. Currently at the stage of gathering data and EVC-COO Kurapati hopes to offer the functionality and dashboards at the next Advisory Board meeting in February 2025. The goal is to get to a place of anticipating needs and using the study to inform future master planning.
 - b. The Molecular Science Building (MSB) is in agreement to be sold to Regional One Health. Funds from the sale will help inform where to make investments.
- c. COM Interdisciplinary Building
 - a. Next major project needing to be funded. By way of a steering committee and sub-committees an in depth look at the programming of the COM building occurred over the past year. It was agreed that the focus should be on the learning spaces. If the funding occurs in the next budget cycle, construction will start in 2028 and occupancy would begin in 2031.
- d. Next Steps
 - a. Spoke on the comprehensive capital masterplan, parking, facilities across the entire state, and being more proactive.

Remarks: Dr. Ugwueke asked if there was a firm being used for the campus master planning process. EVC-COO Kurapati remarked they hired HOK for COMIB, and DLR Group for master planning; he acknowledged there will more than likely be a future bid process. Chair Wenk said he was impressed with the work that went into this and appreciates the transparency and approach to the needs. Additionally, Chair Wenk encouraged the board to donate to campus during annual giving days.

10. Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

EVC-COO Kurapati asked to establish dates for the 2025 Advisory Board meetings. An email was sent to board members listing options and once a consensus is made, those meetings will be scheduled.

Next Meeting: TBD.

11. Other Business

Dr. Wayman gave kudos to EVC-COO Kurapati and team for the ongoing work for the campus and funding from the state.

Chair Wenk thanked everyone for their leadership.

12. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 12:25 pm.