

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

December 15, 2016
Nashville, Tennessee

The Health Affairs Committee of The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees met at 3:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, December 15, 2016, in the offices of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, 1600 Division Street, in Nashville, Tennessee.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Charles C. Anderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll, and the following members of the Health Affairs Committee were present:

Charles C. Anderson, Jr., Chair
Joseph A. DiPietro (non-voting)
Spruell Driver, Jr.
D. Crawford Gallimore
Vicky Gregg
Raja J. Jubran

Trustee Cates and Dr. Millhorn were unable to attend.

III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Chair Anderson called for any corrections to the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting of the Committee. Hearing none, Trustee Jubran moved approval of the minutes as presented in the meeting materials, Trustee Gregg seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. OVERVIEW OF EXISTING PRACTICE PLANS

Chancellor Schwab provided an overview of the existing practice plans: University Le Bonheur Pediatric Specialists (ULPS), UT Methodists Physicians (UTMP), UT West Clinic, UT Regional One Physicians (UTROP), and UT Medical Group (UTMG). He said all of the plans are doing well from a financial standpoint. He discussed the approaching creation of an integrated cancer center, UT West Cancer Center. He reported that appropriate and necessary concessions have been made to allow creation of an integrated cancer center, to be known as the UT West Cancer Center, in the very near future. The issues, he explained, were not financial but were significant enough to require modification of the existing affiliation agreement with the West Clinic. The modified affiliation agreement will be presented to the Health Affairs Committee and the Board for approval.

Trustee Gallimore asked Chancellor Schwab to update the Committee on the relationship with the Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. The Chancellor responded that progress has been made on the UT Erlanger Group (the physician practice plan) after initial problems relating to their lack of success and then to their overwhelming success. A new dean was hired to bridge the gaps and complete the negotiations. The new dean, Dr. Bruce Shack, was recruited from Vanderbilt where he served as chair of Plastic Surgery. The Chancellor said that UT and Erlanger have discussed fast-tracking the integrative practice group, and overall we are on a much better footing and hope to bring this to closure soon.

V. ST. THOMAS AFFILIATION – FROM GME TO MASTER AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Chancellor Schwab reported on progress in expanding the UT and St. Thomas relationship from a graduate medical education program to a master affiliation agreement encompassing all the Health Science Center colleges and a UT-St. Thomas practice group. He said the process of hiring faculty has already begun, and he hopes to present a master affiliation agreement for Board approval within a year. In response to a question from a Committee member, he said there are currently five programs at St. Thomas: general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, family medicine, emergency medicine, and an internal medicine program. He added that UT has a commitment to add one or two more surgical specialties but explained that surgical specialties cannot be established until the general surgery program has been up and running for three years (which will be completed in one more year). Trustee Driver asked about Nursing and Physician Assistant programs. Chancellor Schwab responded that there are some Nursing, P.A., and Pharmacy programs at St. Thomas and those will be

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addressed in the master affiliation agreement.

VI. FIRST COMMITTEE DATE IN 2017

Chair Anderson called for a motion on the final item of business, approval of a proposed date for the next meeting.

Trustee Driver moved that the first meeting of the Health Affairs Committee in 2017 be set for March 3, 2017. Trustee Gregg seconded the motion and the motion carried. *[Note: The March 3, 2017 meeting was subsequently cancelled.]*

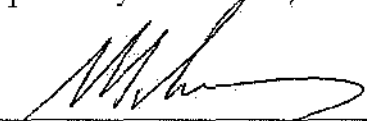
VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steve J. Schwab, MD
Chancellor, UT Health Science Center