

Update on Proposed Medical College/MD Degree Program*

UNT Health Science Center

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Charge:

The Study Group concluded its study on the proposed Medical College/MD degree program at UNT Health Science Center by presenting it to the UNT System Board of Regents at the public board meeting held on March 26, 2009. At the conclusion of this special called board meeting, Chairman Gayle Strange charged Dr. Ransom and his team to study the matter further. The UNT System Board of Regents requested the development of an academic and business plan for the proposed MD degree program utilizing a consulting firm with expertise in this area as needed.

Current Timeline:

June

- Consulting services RFP posted: <http://www.hsc.unt.edu/departments/purchasing/bids.cfm>
- UNTHSC Core Team identified
 - Kathleen Forbes, MD – Co-Chair, Executive Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Business Development and President/CEO of UNT Health
 - Thomas Yorio, PhD – Co-Chair, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Ralph Anderson, MD – Chair and Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - Bruce Dubin, DO, JD – Interim Dean, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - Christine Moranetz, PhD – Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Public Health
 - Meharvan “Sonny” Singh, PhD – Associate Professor, Pharmacology and Neuroscience, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
 - Jennifer Trevino, MBA – Chief of Staff, Office of the President

July

- Consulting firm selected

August

- Consultants work with UNTHSC Core Team to develop draft academic and business plan for proposed MD degree program
 - Plan to include items such as: risk assessment, implementation issues, curriculum focus, admissions processes, program start-up costs, financial analysis, infrastructure requirements, hospital and clinical collaboration requirements, and potential accreditation issues while supporting the growth and quality goals of TCOM and its DO program along with the other HSC programs
- Consulting firm begins meeting with key stakeholders

September

- Consulting firm continues to meet with key stakeholders to draft academic and business plan
- Refinement of plan after review with UNTHSC Leadership

October

- Continue to refine academic and business plan after review with UNTHSC Leadership and internal and external stakeholders
- Consultants work with UNTHSC Core Team and Leadership to prepare Board of Regents presentation and final report

November

- Presentation of academic and business plan to Board of Regents for decision on whether or not to move forward

Future updates: <http://www.hsc.unt.edu/sites/StudyGroup/>

**Working names only*