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Your biweekly source of news on UNT Health Science Center people, plans and progress.

TCOM leadership changes

A message from President Scott Ransom

As part of our five-year strategic plan for continued growth and excellence, I am announcing several organizational changes and administrative appointments within the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM).

Alan Podawiltz, DO, MS, has been appointed to serve as acting dean. Dr. Podawiltz will take over the responsibilities of Marc Hahn, DO, TCOM dean and senior vice president of health affairs, who has stepped down effective November 5.

We thank Dr. Hahn for his dedicated service to TCOM and for building the school's national reputation as a leader in primary care education.

A committee will be formed shortly under the leadership of Provost Thomas Yorio to conduct a national search for the dean's position.

Dr. Podawiltz, who is currently chair and assistant professor of the Psychiatry Department, has been with the Health Science Center since 2003. He is also chair of Psychiatry for John Peter Smith Health Network and training director for the American Osteopathic Association's Psychiatry Residency Program at John Peter Smith Hospital. He has been a member of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association since 2002.

Bruce Dubin, DO, JD, has been promoted to serve in a new position, as vice dean of the TCOM. In this new capacity, Dr. Dubin will be responsible for all areas of TCOM academic affairs and educational programs, including pre-clinical curriculum, clinical education, graduate medical education, and admissions and outreach. Dr. Dubin, currently TCOM associate dean for academic affairs, has been with the Health Science Center since 2003 and was named Educator of the Year by the AOA in 2007.

Robert Adams, DO, has agreed to assume the position of vice president/chief medical officer for UNT Health. Dr. Adams previously served as TCOM senior associate dean of clinical affairs and chief medical officer for UNT Health. Dr. Adams will continue his faculty and clinical role in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Joel Daboub, MBA, has been promoted to assistant dean for Admissions and Outreach for both the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and the School of Health Professions. In this new capacity, he will be responsible for all areas of admissions for the medical school, Department of Physician Assistant Studies, and the developing physical therapy degree program. Daboub,

currently the director of admissions and outreach for TCOM, has been with the Health Science Center since 2004.

Elizabeth Palmarozzi, DO, has decided to step down as chair of TCOM's Department of Family and Community Medicine. Dr. Palmarozzi has served as the chair of the combined departments and will be rejoining the faculty in the Department of Family Medicine. We thank Dr. Palmarozzi for her service in leading and growing the department. We have taken this opportunity to re-organize this department into two separate departments -- the Department of Family Medicine and the Department of Community Medicine -- to better serve students and patients.

The Department of Family Medicine will continue to serve patients at the Patient Care Center, Eagle Ranch Clinic, Westside Clinic and others, as well as support the education of our students and create knowledge through research.

Roberto Cardarelli, DO, MPH, has been named acting chair of the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Cardarelli, a 2001 graduate of TCOM and our School of Public Health, is currently associate professor of Family and Community Medicine and executive director and founder of the Primary Care Research Institute/NorTex. He has been with the Health Science Center since 2004.

The Department of Community Medicine works with the Tarrant County Hospital District to provide direct patient care services across Tarrant County.

Robert Richard, DO, has been named acting chair of the new Department of Community Medicine. Dr. Richard, a 1990 TCOM graduate, is currently assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. He has been with the Health Science Center since 2005 and JPS Health Network since 1994.

We are also expanding the TCOM Department of Medical Education under Bruce Dubin with the addition of the Department of Pathology faculty. The Center for Human Identification will now be a part of the Health Institutes of Texas as an independent center.

The Department of Physician Assistant Studies will move to the School of Health Professions. The department will continue to collaborate with the faculty of TCOM, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and UNT Health; however, it will have independent leadership to better respond to student needs, substantially expand faculty and create a top physician assistant studies curriculum. Hank Lemke, MMS, PA-C, will continue to serve as chair of the department and director of Physician Assistant studies.

With this change, the School of Health Professions under Dean Warren Anderson, EdD, now includes the Department of Physician Assistant Studies and the Department of Physical Therapy, chaired by Clayton Holmes PT, EdD.

Please join me in supporting everyone in their new roles.

Campus Pride Campaign a huge success!

More Health Science Center employees than ever before participated in the 2008 *Campus Pride* Employee Annual Giving Campaign. A total of 82 percent of faculty and staff donated \$202,366 to the UNTHSC Foundation and the State Employee Charitable Campaign this year, shattering the participation goal of 70 percent. The money raised for the UNTHSC Foundation will support our educational, clinical, community engagement, research and academic initiatives. The outstanding participation rate during the campaign means that the Health Science Center is now among the top 10th percentile in the nation for employee giving among institutions of higher education.

The grand-prize drawing for the trip to Cancun will be Nov. 13. Watch Daily News for the results! Thanks to everyone who made a donation and supported the campaign; the campus has once again demonstrated its generosity and strong pride.

UNTHSC announces new appointments

Renee Drabier, PhD, has been named **vice president for Information Resources and Technology** effective Nov. 12. Dr. Drabier will report to the provost and will oversee the Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library, Academic Information Services, Information Technology and Biomedical Communication.

Prior to joining the Health Science Center she served as assistant vice president of health informatics and associate dean of health informatics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. There, she led Faculty Instructional Technology Services, the Library, and Biomedical and Media Communication Services.

Dr. Drabier has a PhD in distance education and educational technology from Texas A&M University, an MBA from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas.

Thomas Moorman, EdD, has been promoted to **vice president of Student Affairs**. Before joining the Health Science Center in 1994, Dr. Moorman earned his doctorate in education from the University of North Texas at Denton and both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University. In his new role, Dr. Moorman reports to the provost and oversees all student-related services at the Health Science Center. Read his full bio [here](#).

Abbot (Abe) Clark, PhD, has been named **director of the North Texas Eye Research Institute**. Dr. Clark has served as an adjunct professor in the departments of Cell Biology and Genetics and Pharmacology and Neuroscience at the Health Science Center for more than 20 years. This year, Dr. Clark joined the Health Science Center faculty as professor of cell biology and genetics and director of the Visual Sciences Program.

Dr. Clark received his bachelor of arts degree in biology from Thiel College in Greenville, Pa., and his doctorate in microbiology from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He received post-doctoral training in the departments of microbiology (immunology) and physiology (muscle metabolism) at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He replaces Peter Koulen, PhD, who is leaving the institution in January. Read Clark's full bio [here](#).

Department Spotlight: Office of Institutional Compliance

Conduct at the Health Science Center is guided by many statutes, regulations and policies, as well as a culture of integrity and ethics. While every employee and student is expected to “do the right thing” and follow ethical standards, the Office of Institutional Compliance is responsible for overseeing ethical conduct at the Health Science Center. The Compliance Program ensures that faculty, staff and students adhere to all statutory requirements and the highest level of ethical behavior in conducting their business, research, education and service activities.

Office representatives respond to and report suspected violations of ethical behavior and/or statutory requirements, and enhance awareness of the Health Science Center's expectation of ethical behavior through annual code-of-ethics training.

For more information about compliance or to report an issue in the workplace, contact [Debbie Gregory](#) at ext. 2029. The Office of Institutional Compliance is located in EAD 832.

To anonymously report suspected compliance violations, call the EthicsLine at 800-500-0333. Find out more about the UNT Health Science Center office of Institutional Compliance at [their Web site](#).

The Compliance Office Team:

Robert Kaman, JD, PhD, associate dean and director of outreach for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, leads the Compliance Office as assistant institutional compliance officer. He reports directly to **Thomas Yorio, PhD**, provost, who serves as institutional compliance officer.

Debbie Gregory, compliance assistant, serves as the direct liaison with faculty, staff and students. She facilitates compliance questions and issues, policy violation reports, and documentation of compliance violation inquiries.

Vanessa Williams, administrative assistant, coordinates the annual online code-of-ethics training that just concluded. Code-of-ethics training is designed to raise awareness of ethics expectations at the Health Science Center.

NEWS BRIEFS

Governor orders travel freeze

Texas Governor Rick Perry has requested that all state agencies limit travel in an effort to avert potential strains on the state's coffers. As a result, UNTHSC has frozen all in- and out-of-state travel using state funds effective October 27.

Travel will be allowed if an official Request for Approval of Travel has been approved and submitted. However, any travel after October 27 must be locally funded using a non-state department ID. Exceptions to the state funds for travel freeze must be approved in advance by the appropriate executive. For additional information, contact the [Travel Office](#) at ext. 2547.

Chalk and Talk features School of Public Health

The next Chalk and Talk seminar and social is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 4:30 to 6 pm in EAD 706. **Elena Bastida, PhD**, professor and associate dean for research and interim chair of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and **Carlos Reyes-Ortiz, MD, PhD**, associate professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, will discuss collaborative opportunities in social and behavioral research.

A social will follow the seminar. RSVP for Chalk and Talk to [Bonnie Smith](#) in the Office of Research.

Employee Art Show

The Atrium Gallery will feature the UNT Health Science Center Employee Art Show during December and January. Health Science Center employees and their immediate family members are welcome to submit their art. All media will be accepted, including painting, photography, ceramics, etc.

If you are interested in participating, please contact [Shea Patterson Young](#), administrator of special events, by Nov. 24. The number of pieces accepted will be determined by the level of interest. If there is a space issue, preference will be given to those who respond first. Please submit only works appropriate for a general audience.

IN THE NEWS

Dr. Brenner quoted in New York Times

Harvey Brenner, PhD, was a featured letter writer in Oct. 22's [The New York Times](#) and was quoted in the [lead article](#) of the Oct. 13 *Fort Worth Business Press* regarding stress management. In addition, Dr. Brenner and Darrin D'Agostino, DO, were quoted in a front-page article in the *Star-Telegram* related to stress.

Dr. Hahn on pain management

Marc Hahn, DO, contributed to a [Fort Worth Business Press](#) article about pain management, and the publication printed a story about UNTHSC's Distinguished Speaker Series presentation by [Dr. Michael Lu on health disparities](#). Several articles about the DNA lab's work appeared in publications in [Michigan](#) and [Texas](#).

TCOM student on Sirius Radio

TCOM student Kelly Grabbe appeared on Sirius Radio's Doctor Radio, following a trip to the Adirondacks for wilderness medicine training.

Dr. Ransom's next guest column

In his November guest column which will be issued on Nov. 10 in the *Fort Worth Business Press*, Dr. Scott Ransom urges community leaders to work together to solve the issue of health care dichotomies for both the insured and uninsured in North Texas.

KUDOS

Jan Jowitt, RN, DHA, director of nursing at the Patient Care Center, presented the commencement speech for Career Centers of Texas on Sept. 26. She addressed about 120 medical assistant, dental assistant and radiation technology graduates. Her address focused on the importance of patient-centered health care and emphasized service.

The Health Center for Women at Harris Methodist ranked highest among UNT Health clinics in the recent UNT Health Patient Satisfaction Survey. The quarterly survey tracks patients' perceptions of a clinic's operations and quality of care. For getting the top scores each clinic staffer received a monetary award.

Burt Brinegar, network analyst in Information Technology Services, was named Employee of the Year by [Easter Seals North Texas'](#) Business Advisory Council at their Fourth Annual

Employment Symposium on Oct. 30. He was nominated for the award by the Business Advisory Council for his exemplary work in his field.

Donald (Andy) Langley, DO, Family and Community Medicine, recently graduated from the Health Science Center's new Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program. The program is a formal, full-time training year in the subspecialty of palliative care. Dr. Langley is only the third graduate of the program.

H. Fred Downey, PhD, regents' professor in Integrative Physiology, was recently invited to speak to the Department of Cardiology at the [National Naval Medical Center](#) in Bethesda, Md. He presented a seminar titled "Cardioprotective Effects of Intermittent Hypoxia Conditioning."

Craig Elam, assistant professor of Medical Education and senior director for technical services at the Lewis Library, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the [South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association](#) at their 2008 annual meeting in Dallas. The award, which is the highest accolade bestowed by the organization, recognizes outstanding service to the chapter.

SAVE THE DATE

November 20-21

UNT System Board of Regents Quarterly Meeting

UNT Denton

November 24

President Ransom's Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

12 – 1 pm

Luibel Hall

November 25

President Ransom's Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

7 – 8 am

Luibel Hall

November 27-28

UNT Health Science Center Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1**EBAC Holiday Tree Trimming**

3 – 5 pm

Atrium

December 3**UNTHSC Employee Holiday Lunch**

Atrium

Details will be posted in Daily News.

December 5**UNTHSC Annual Craft Show**

10 am – 3 pm

Atrium

jbranden@hsc.unt.edu

December 17

Office of the President's Holiday Open House

2 – 4 pm

EAD - 840

December 22 – January 2

UNT Health Science Center Winter Holidays

Watch the Daily News and Campus Connection for more information on these events and more.

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Campus Connection is published the first and third Fridays of each month by the Office of Marketing and Communications for UNT Health Science Center employees, students and friends. Please feel free to forward this e-newsletter to others and print it for those who don't have access to a computer.

Our goals are to:

- Keep you informed about the Health Science Center's strategic plan, priorities and goals. Promote the UNTHSC values of compassion, integrity, teamwork, innovation, pride and excellence.
- Demonstrate how the people and programs of the Health Science Center really do make a difference.

- Enable you to be a well-informed UNTHSC ambassador.

You're invited to contribute to the continuous improvement of this e-newsletter and other UNTHSC Family communications by sending story ideas, news, suggestions and questions to news@hsc.unt.edu.

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