

Campus Connection Friday, March 6, 2009

People, plans and progress at Fort Worth's Medical School *and more*

Where our money comes from

Right now, the Texas Legislature is in session hashing out the state's budget for the next two years. And just a few weeks ago, Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker of the House Joe Straus asked the Health Science Center and other state institutions to prepare for a possible two-and-a-half percent budget cut because of the sluggish economy. With all of this talk of funding, this seems like a good time to explain where the Health Science Center gets its funding and how it is spent.

Operating revenue sources:

State Funds

Educational and General State Support, which makes up the largest portion of our revenue, is set by the [Texas Legislature](#) during its legislative sessions every two years. It is composed of the General Revenue Fund and the General Revenue – Dedicated Fund.

The **General Revenue Fund**, which makes up 32 percent of our total operating revenue, comes from state taxes and some state fees. General Revenue is determined by formula funding (based on the number of students, infrastructure and research generated at UNTHSC) and non-formula funding. The health science center's non-formula funding is used to support the institution's special item activities, such as our DNA Laboratory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center. General Revenue supports UNTHSC's education and operational missions, and includes salaries for faculty and staff, and general operating costs (including maintenance and operation, sometimes called M & O, for things such as travel and supplies). The fund also pays for tuition revenue bonds that cover the cost of new buildings like Building A.

General Revenue – Dedicated, which makes up six percent of our total operating revenue, is generated by tuition. These funds are designated for purposes specified in the state's General Appropriations Act. For example, part of this fund is dedicated to providing Texas Public Education Grants and Medical Education Loans for our students. This fund is also known as Other Educational and General Income.

For more on the state budget process and the UNT Health Science Center's annual budget, visit the [Office of Financial Planning and Institutional Budget Web site](#).

Other appropriated funds

Roughly seven percent of the Health Science Center's operating revenues comes from other appropriated funds from the state. These include the Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF) and [Tobacco Settlement](#) funds.

UNT Health

Money generated by **UNT Health** goes into the Health Science Center's **Medical Services, Research and Development Plan Fund**, which makes up 37 percent of our total operating revenue. This fund supports

UNT Health’s salary and compensation for clinical faculty members, as well as general operating costs for the physician plan.

For more on our physician plan, visit the [UNT Health Web site](#).

Research

Money generated by **research grants**, which makes up 18 percent of our total operating revenues, covers research costs including personnel and equipment. Most of the Health Science Center’s research is federally funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). UNTHSC also receives grants from non-NIH federal sources including the Department of Justice, charitable foundations, state agencies and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

Along with covering the cost of personnel and equipment for research, these grants also support the overall operational costs of the Health Science Center. Some grants receive indirect funds that can be used for administrative support or utilities. Some grants cover portions of researchers’ salaries, which frees up state funds for other areas.

For more on the Health Science Center’s research efforts, visit the [UNTHSC Center for Research Management Web site](#).

Foundation revenue sources:

Private donations to the **UNTHSC Foundation** totaled \$6 million last year. Although private donations don’t cover the Health Science Center’s operational costs, they do support its mission by enhancing research, providing student scholarships and helping recruit the best researchers and physicians. Some private donations are made as endowments—like saving accounts that grow over time—and some donations are designated to specific research programs or scholarships over time. However, some donations are made as expendable funds that can be spent immediately, some of which are unrestricted and can be spent in ways that state funds cannot.

Most of the Health Science Center’s private donations come from these sources: Grants from charitable **foundations** that support our research efforts, **major gifts** from private donors that support a variety of areas, **annual gifts** from private donors including our annual Campus Pride campaign, and fundraising **events** such as the annual gala and the President’s Invitational Golf Tournament.

For more on the Health Science Center’s fundraising efforts visit the [Institutional Advancement Web site](#).

Watch future issues of Campus Connection for more on the Health Science Center’s revenues.

TOP STORIES

Research Appreciation Day today

- 8 am - Vendor Fair and Poster Presentations at the [Fort Worth Community Arts Center](#)
- 12:15 pm – Lunch and [Keynote Address by Dr. Josephine Briggs](#), director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, at the Alcon Auditorium in the Center for BioHealth (CBH)
- 2:15 pm – Oral presentations in CBH 230 and 240
- 4:30 pm – Awards Ceremony in the Alcon Auditorium in CBH

For more information and a full agenda of today's events, visit the [RAD Web site](#).

UNTHSC improves NIH funding rank

The UNT Health Science Center ranked 91st out of the 152 U.S. medical schools (fifth among Texas medical schools) for total National Institutes of Health funding in 2008 when compared to a list compiled by the [Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research](#). This improves our national ranking from 98th for 2007. Our total NIH funding also ranked us first among osteopathic medical schools in 2008. Note that osteopathic medical schools are not ranked on this list. These ranking are based on how UNTHSC's total NIH funding (\$17.339 million) for 2008 compared to the list of allopathic schools.

Update: TCOM dean search

The UNT Health Science Center is making progress in the search for the next Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine dean. Thomas Yorio, PhD, provost, has appointed a 10-member Search Committee to oversee the process. The committee is co-chaired by Richard Kurz, PhD, SPH dean, and Scott Stoll, DO, PhD, associate professor and chair of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. The committee held its first meeting on Feb. 20, and the position is currently posted on the UNTHSC career site. Watch Campus Connection for regular updates on the search progress.

TCOM Dean Search Committee members:

Scott Stoll DO, PhD, associate professor and chair of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (Co-Chair)

Rick Kurz, PhD, School of Public Health dean (Co-Chair)

Ralph Anderson, MD, assistant professor and chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology (TCOM chair representative)

Monte Troutman, DO, Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association president (community representative)

Kathleen Forbes, MD, executive vice president of Clinical Affairs and Business Development and president of UNT Health (UNT Health representative)

Jamboor Vishwanatha, PhD, GSBS dean (preclinical basic sciences representative)

Bruce Dubin, DO, JD, vice dean of academic affairs for TCOM

Robert Earley, president and CEO of JPS Health Network (community representative)

John Bowling, DO, associate professor and director of Rural Medicine (Primary Care/Rural Medicine track representative)

Amir Barzin, first-year TCOM student and president of TCOM class of '12

President's Invitational Golf Tournament next month

The annual President's Invitational Tournament is April 7 at Ridglea Country Club. The golf tournament, organized by the Office of Institutional Advancement, supports the UNTHSC Foundation and raises critical funds to expand educational support at the Health Science Center. This year's tournament is the first outside charity event to be played at [Ridglea's Championship Course](#) (South course).

For more information or to help sponsor the tournament, visit the [President's Invitational Tournament Web site](#), or contact [Susan Smith](#) or [Jenn Pendell](#) in Institutional Advancement.

Thanks to the presenting sponsors of the President's Invitational Tournament:

Garvey Texas Foundation

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NEWS BRIEFS

STAR applications due March 28

Applications for the STAR ([Steps Toward Academic Research](#)) Fellowship Program through the Texas Center for Health Disparities are due March 28. This is the fourth year of STAR, a program designed for junior faculty who are interested in health disparity research that offers emerging faculty a year of collaborative training and interaction with faculty from the UNTHSC and other institutions.

Commencement set for May 16

Commencement exercises for all UNT Health Science Center schools are scheduled for May 16 at 3 pm at the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena.

U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess, MD, of Lewisville, will give the commencement address. Before being elected to Congress in 2002, Rep. Burgess worked as a physician in Denton County for 21 years and served as chief of staff and chief of obstetrics at the Lewisville Medical Center. Rep. Burgess represents the 26th Congressional District of Texas, which includes most of Denton County and parts of Tarrant, Cooke and Dallas counties.

For more commencement details, visit the [Office of the Registrar Web site](#).

UNTHSC can help you stop smoking

UNTHSC's PATCH (Positive Attitudes Toward Changing Habits) program provides group counseling sessions and nicotine replacement therapy to help employees and students stay tobacco free. The spring session of the PATCH program runs from March 12 through May 7. The free program is also available to employees' benefits-eligible relatives. Contact Nicki McGee, health promotions manager, at ext. 2069 for more details and to register.

AOA celebrates National Osteopathic Medicine Week

Each year the American Osteopathic Medical Association (AOA) designates National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week to bring the osteopathic profession together to increase awareness of osteopathic medicine and DOs across the country. For ideas and information on how to help promote osteopathic medicine visit the [AOA Web site](#). Also, check out the videos on the [AOA's YouTube channel](#). This year NOM week runs from March 1 through March 7.

Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure supports UNTHSC cancer research

Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure, a local non-profit organization that promotes prostate cancer awareness and hosts an annual vintage car show in downtown Fort Worth, recently presented a generous check to support the cancer research of Andras Lacko, PhD, professor of Molecular Biology and Immunology. Dr. Lacko is researching the potential use of an innovative and highly effective cancer drug delivery system utilizing reconstituted, high-density, lipoproteins (rHDL). It is the fifth consecutive year that Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure has supported Dr. Lacko's research.

IN THE NEWS

President Ransom reports growth

The [Star-Telegram](#) recapped President Ransom's presentation to the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon held on campus on Feb. 19. The article outlined the Health Science Center's expected enrollment increase in the next four to five years.

DNA Lab continues missing persons work

THE UNT Center for Human Identification, which includes the DNA lab on our campus, was mentioned in a [Pittsburgh \(Pa.\) Post-Gazette](#) story for its work with the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, or NamUs. The DNA lab was also mentioned in a [Detroit News](#) article as part of an effort to identify a young woman whose remains were discovered in Monroe, Mich., 27 years ago.

Dr. Bowman talks teen tanning

Dr. Paul Bowman, chair of pediatrics, gave his opinion of a new law that would require teens to have a doctor's permission to use tanning beds. The story aired on the 5 pm newscast on the [Dallas Fox affiliate, KDFW](#).

NEED TO KNOW

TRS benefits presentation

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) will hold a benefits presentation meeting on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Fort Worth ISD Board Room located at 2903 Shotts St. The presentation will focus mainly on retirement benefits. Plenty of spaces are left, so register at the [TRS website](#).

For further details, please contact the Human Resource Services or the TRS of Texas at 800-223-8778.

Benefits summer enrollment starts in July

The Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) summer enrollment period for Plan Year 2010 will be July 6 through July 31, 2009. During this period, you can enroll in and/or change your benefits coverage. However, just as in past years, no action is required on your part if you are not changing your benefits. Your existing benefits, including TexFlex, will roll over to the new plan year if you do not make any changes.

UNT Health Science Center will again host the annual Summer Enrollment Fair in Fort Worth on July 9. More details regarding summer enrollment will be sent to you via e-mail, Campus Connection and from ERS in the coming weeks.

EIS upgrade next week

The EIS Financials System will upgrade from version 8.4 to 9.0 on March 13. The upgrade will affect Accounting, Finance and Administration, Financial Systems, Grant and Contract Management, Institutional Budgets, and Purchasing and Central Services.

The current Financials System Production Environment (FSPD) will be taken down from Friday, March 13, at noon, until Tuesday, March 17, for the upgrade. During this period, users will not be able to access FSPD. The **ePro module** will close prior to March 13 to allow time for transactions in process to complete prior to FSPD being taken down.

When the upgrade is completed, the majority of users will experience a new "look and feel"

along with several enhancements of the ePro module. Purchasing will contact ePro users about the processing timeline for the upgrade, and training will be offered.

The EIS upgrade is a collaborative effort between both the UNT Denton, UNT Health Science Center administrative support areas, and the UNT Computing and Information Technology Center. The upgrade will enable UNT's system to continue with future Oracle product support and implement enhancements that previously were not available.

If you have questions related to this upgrade, contact [Financial Systems](#) at ext. 0505.

KUDOS

Rhonda Roby, PhD, project coordinator for the UNT Center for Human Identification, was named a Healthcare Hero by the *Fort Worth Business Press* in its Feb. 23 edition for her dedication to the fields of research and healthcare.

John Licciardone, DO, MS, MBA, professor and executive director of the Osteopathic Research Center, was recently appointed as Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Distinguished Chair in Clinical Research for the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The **Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences** held a reception this week to honor these faculty members who recently received new grants:

Anuja Ghorpade, PhD, professor and vice chair of Cell Biology and Genetics
Title: Neuronal Survival, HIV-1 and Astrocyte-TIMP-1
Funded by NIH-National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Lisa Hodge, PhD, assistant professor of Molecular Biology and Immunology
Title: Mechanisms of Lymphatic Pump-Enhancement of Immune Function
Funded by NIH-National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Thomas Yorio, PhD, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs
Title: MBRS IMSD Program at UNT Health Science Center
Funded by NIH-National Institute of General Medicine Sciences

Jamboor Vishwanatha, PhD, dean of GSBS and professor of Molecular Biology and Immunology
Title: Acute and Sustained Reduction of Plasminogen Activation in Highly Invasive Breast Cancers Utilizing Annexin A2-targeted Combinatorial Nanoparticles
Funded by the Department of Defense

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Title: North Texas Center for Minority health, Education Research and Outreach (MiHERO)

Funded by the Centers for Disease Control

The **Chili Cook-off Challenge**, hosted by the Office of Financial Aid, raised \$1,557 for student scholarships. There were 15 entries in this year's contest.

People's Choice Award – selected by attendees

- Winner: Meagan Cross, coordinator for academic support (prize: Chili Cook-off Challenge plaque)
- Runner up: Thomas Moorman, EdD, vice president of student affairs (prize: art book donated by Wendy Haynes)

President's Award - selected by President Scott Ransom; Rusty Reeves, PhD, assistant professor of Cell Biology and Genetics; and Bill Webb, friend of the Health Science Center and scholarship donor

- Winner - des Anges Cruser, PhD, MPA, associate professor and research education director at the Osteopathic Research Center, and director of research and psychology in the Department of Psychiatry (prize: Chili Cook-off Challenge trophy)
- Runner up – Gary Grant, JD, vice president for development (prize: art book donated by Wendy Haynes)

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Marco Mendoza

Assistant Director, Employee Relations
Human Resource Services (HRS)

How long have you worked here, and what did you do before joining UNTHSC?

I began employment at the Health Science Center on Sept. 11, 2000. Prior to joining the Health Science Center and moving to Fort Worth, I attended McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

Describe your typical day at work.

This is a really hard one to answer. I don't really have a typical day. I walk into work every day not knowing what the day will bring. The majority of my time is spent reviewing discipline and meeting with employees and managers to guide them through issues. It is important to determine the root of a problem; therefore these meetings generally require a lot of counseling. In addition, I facilitate the Complaint/Grievance and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes.

What's the best part about working at the Health Science Center?

Opportunity – I was given a great opportunity to come into this institution as a recent college

graduate and to prove myself. I have been given a chance to work in various areas of HRS (Recruitment, Compensation, Employee Relations), which has given me a broad view of the department as a whole, and I bring experience from each of my prior assignments to my current position in Employee Relations.

Growth - From an institutional perspective, our growth is definitely something to be proud of. I remember parking in a very small gravel parking lot in the location our current staff parking garage now stands. When the construction on the garage started, we were bused from Farrington Field on University to the HSC campus, talk about having to be at work early!

Respect – The HRS team has a strong sense of respect for one another. We have our differences of opinion but work through any discord by being open and willing to listen to the reasons for the disagreement. We all understand that we have a mission to serve the best interests of the UNTHSC community.

Is there any other information that you would like to share with the campus community about your position or your department?

Your Human Resource Services Department is here for you. Like with any organization, we have policies, federal and state, that we must abide by. We are here to ensure that those regulations are followed and to assist YOU in any way we can. I encourage our employees to use this resource to help you when possible. It would be nice if my position was not necessary, but since we live in an imperfect world that is not the case! So let us help you work through difficult issues so that you can focus on the important things: supporting our students, faculty and each other. We are fortunate to have a job in the current economic times, and with the worries we face outside of work we shouldn't be stressed about coming to work.

What do you like to do when you aren't at the Health Science Center?

I LOVE food! I enjoy trying new restaurants in the Metroplex. My other passion is travel. In November I took a trip to Bali, Indonesia and Disney World in Florida, a strange combination of places to visit, I know. I try to visit a new place about twice a year. In June I am traveling to Seychelles, South Africa. I am fascinated by other cultures and their way of life. I find that the people in some of the poorest countries I have visited really know how to enjoy life. Life is not as fast and the simple thing, like dinner with friends and family, is a true experience that lasts for hours. My most memorable travel accomplishment was climbing the San Perito Glacier in Patagonia, Argentina.

My immediate family and friends are a vital part of my life. My wonderful parents, sister, brother-in law, and nephew live in West Texas but we see each other often. I could go on for days about each of them.

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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