# Founding of the Office of Associate Vice President of Women Faculty Programs 

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The UT System Women Senior Leaders Network Advancing Women, Making Change: Best Practices Symposium October 12, 2015

MDAnderson
CancerCenter
Making Cancer History ${ }^{\circ}$

## It took three decades!

Women Faculty Programs Office opens, Associate Vice President appointed, ${ }^{\text {'07 }}$


## It has to be someone's "day job"



Associate Vice President Women Faculty Programs

Funded by the institution Reports to the Provost

## Build a team: WFP Office

Associate Director, Faculty, 30\% Project Directors (2)
Sr. Metrics Analyst
Executive Assistant
Sr. Administrative Assistant


## Vision, goals, philosophy

WFP Vision: To be the \#1 destination for women physicians and scientists in cancer treatment and research


Basic philosophy:

- Change the organization-not the women
- Increase women in leadership positions
- >30\% women representation everywhere
- Engage men-Always
- Partner across the organization
- Communicate!


## GOAL 1: Organizational Change

## Data! Data! Data!

Annual analysis of data-Benchmark AAMC

- Women in leadership $12 \%$ increase in 8 yrs
- Faculty by rank 6\% increase in women professors in 8 yrs
- Faculty by track $6 \%$ increase tenured women in 8 yrs
- New faculty hires 1:1 ratio
- Faculty separations
- Promotions and tenure actions

Report to: institution, leadership, division, women faculty


## Policies matter!

## Revised Leadership Search Policy (FY08)

- Search committee must be inclusive ( $35 \%$ women and minorities)
- AVP reviews membership prior to approval
- AVP serves as voting member on all search committees
- Women/minorities must be on short list sent to the President or he may question the search

> Result:
> 12\% increase in women faculty leaders:
> 2007: $15 \%$
> 2015: $27 \%$

## Build communities of women

- Monthly women leaders' dinners
- Faculty Moms
- Fellows
- Division Council of Gender Inclusiveness


C Committee on Gender Inclusiveness

## GOAL 2: Education \& Career Development Targeted, aligned with institution, emerging areas

## Internal Programs:

- Internal content experts:

- External content experts:


Work-Life Integration

## External Programs:

Partner with department chairs

AAMC Professional Career Development Programs

- Since 2007, 101 attendees to early, mid, minority and aspiring leaders
- ROI - Lessons Learned, Getting the most out of your AAMC program


## Grow your own women leaders!

ELAM - The Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine

- 4 MD Anderson graduates - All leaders



Karen Lu, MD
Chair
Gyn Onc \& Rep Med


Valerae Lewis, MD
Chair
Orthopaedic Oncology


Diane Bodurka, MD VP
Medical Education

## GOAL 3: Recognize Women in Science and Medicine

- Women Leading the Way Lecture Series


Joan Reede, M.D.


Nancy Hopkins, Ph.D. Vivian Ho, Ph.D.


- Nominate women for internal and external awards - Partner with department chairs

Faculty Achievement Awards

- 15 yrs: 21\% (1992-2007)
- 8 yrs: 35\% (2007-2014)

Of 29 women in 23 yrs, 48\% awards since 2007 (WFP)

## ...and champions of Women in Science \& Medicine

## Margaret L. Kripke Legend Award (Endowed)



## President's Leadership Award



## GOAL 4: Research \& Scholarship

## Papers \& Commentaries



Travis EL, Doty L, Helitzer DL. Sponsorship: A Path to the Academic Medicine C-suite for Women Faculty? Academic Medicine. 2013;88(10):1414-1417

## The New Hork ©imes

Travis EL. Sponsors for Women. Letter to the Editor. The New York Times, 2/4/2013

Talks \& Presentations
Like today!

## Grant

NIH R01 Grant:
Gatekeepers and Gender
Schemas

## Poster Sessions



## Women Faculty Programs

## Communicate

2015 September e-Newsletter

Upcoming Events
Visit our event colendar for more information.
2015 WFP Town Hall Meeting

- Leadinga Balanced Life: A Panel of Women Faculty Sharing Their Experience, Observations and Advice
- Status of Women Faculty
- A Reception Welcoming New Faculy \& Recognizing Promoted Faculty and Awardees Wednesday, September 16, 4:00-5:00, CPB 8, Rooms 5 -6. Reception to follow. OPENTO ALL Add event to my calendar


Women Leading the Way Lecture Series: Joan Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership, Harvard Medical School
"Diversity Inclusion: A Means to Achieving Diversity and Incusion"
Thursday, October 29, 4:00-5:00, CPB 8, Rooms 7-8, Reception to follow. OPEN TO ALL Add event to my calendar
Promotion and Tenure Panels

- Tenure Track-Clinical: Wednesday, January 6, 4:00-5:30, CPB8, Rooms 1-2
Add event to my calendar
- Clinical Faculty Appointment: Wednesday, January 13, 4:00-5:30, Pickens, ${ }^{\text {rad }}$ floor, Rooms 1,2,7,8. Add event to my calendar
- Tenure Track-Research: Wednesday, January 20 , Noon-1:30, FCT 20.5201 (lunch for first 30) - Add event to my calendar
- Research Faculty Appointment: Tuesday, January 26, Noon-1:30, 2 SCR (1-3) (uunch for first 30) Add event to my calendar
Co-sponsored with faculty and Accodemic Development
President's Leadership Award for Advancing Women Faculty
Nominations for the 2016 Award are now open. The complete nomination package should be submitted to WFP by Monday, November 2, 2015. More Orthopaedic Oncology. More


## Spotlight

Suzieann Bass, M.B.A., M.A.Ed., Jill Schumacher, Ph.D., and Pamela Soliman, M.D., were selected to receive the 2015 UT Board of Regents Annual Outstanding Teaching Awards. More

## Hot Topic

## II innovation

Thportance of Sponsorship Travis EL
International Innovation Issue 170, page 108 January 2015

## Monthly e-newsletter




We have to be strategic... We can't wait...

Time alone will NOT solve the problem

