Dear Faculty:

Please mark your choices on this ballot for the election of COM-T committee members and by-law changes.

Voting will be open until ___ at midnight.

Bylaw changes:

V.B. Membership

All members of the Voting Faculty are eligible for election to a committee, with the exception of those faculty having Head, Chair, or Dean in their title, unless otherwise noted. At least one-quarter of the members of each Permanent Committee and Standing Committee will be from clinical departments unless otherwise noted.

*Additions in blue

**Reason for change:** Clarification to ensure basic science representation on all faculty committees, not just permanent committees. Clarification to committee membership aligning with current practices.

Yes

No

Revised

V.C. Student Representation Committees

There will be student membership on the Admissions, Honor Code, MD/PhD, Student Progress, and Tucson Educational Policy Committees. Student members will be chosen according to procedures established by the government.

*Additions in blue.

**Reason for change:** Updates the list of committees, in alphabetical order, with student representation for accuracy (Honor Code, MD/PhD committees previously left off the list).

Yes
V.E. Election of Members to Permanent and Standing Committees

Members of Permanent and Standing Committees of the Faculty will be elected following the regular spring meeting of the COM-Tucson Voting Faculty.

*Additions in blue.

Reason for change: Clarification to election of committee membership aligning with current practices.

Yes

No

Revised

V.G. Terms of Office and Removal

Terms of office will begin on July 1 following the election. The terms of office of Permanent and Standing Committee members will be 3 years, except where otherwise noted.

*Additions in blue.

Reason for change: Clarification of terms of office aligning with current practices.

Yes

No

Revised
New:

VI.H. MD/PhD *Admissions Committee*

*Additions in blue.*

**Reason for change:** Clarification of committee name to align with committee charge.

Yes

No

Revised

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VI.I. Nominating Committee

The COM-Tucson Faculty will elect the Nominating Committee, which will consist of six (6) of its Voting Faculty members. The Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for membership on all Permanent Committees *and Standing Committees* except the Nominating Committee, which will be done as described above in Section V.D.

*Additions in blue.*

**Reason for change:** Clarification to Nominating Committee responsibilities aligning with current practices.

Yes

No

Revised
VI. J. Student Appeals Committee

The COM-Tucson Faculty will elect the Student Appeals Committee, which will consist of at least five (5) six (6) faculty members.

*Additions in blue, removed text in red.

**Reason for change:** Clarification to committee members aligning with the current practices. Harmonizes membership language across committees. The Student Appeals Committee has been composed of six (6) faculty, as recorded by available documents for review. Change supported by committee chair(s).  

Yes  
No  
Revised

VI. K. Student Progress Committee

The COM-Tucson Faculty will elect its own members to the Student Progress Committee, which will consist of at least eight (8) Faculty members, and one (1) student from each class year.

*Additions in blue, removed text in red.

**Reason for change:** Clarification for committee membership aligning with current practices. Harmonizes membership language across committees. The Student Progress Committee has been composed of eight (8) faculty, as recorded by available documents for review. Change supported by committee chair(s).  

Yes  
No
Current:

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The COM-Tucson Faculty may create Standing Committees by a majority of the Voting Faculty at any regular or special meeting. The committee charge and the rules governing such committees will be determined by the Voting Faculty at the time it creates a standing committee. Rules may be changed at any time by a majority vote of the committee members, and with approval from the Nominating Committee. The charge of the committee may only be changed by a majority vote of the Voting Faculty. Standing Committees may be abolished by majority vote of the Voting Faculty at any regular or special meeting.

*Additions in blue.

Reason for change: Provides clarification and guidance to standing committee charges, rules, and abolishment aligning with current practices.

Yes

No

Revised

Permanent Committees: Nominees presented in random order.

Admissions Committee-

Four vacancies; Three 3-yr terms, one 2-yr term. Abstain of vote for up to 4.
Clinical department nominees:
- Rees “Chip” L. Lee, MD – Pediatrics
- Salma Patel, MD – Medicine
- Venkatesh Ariyamuthu, MD – Medicine
- Bujji Ainarapu, MD – Medicine
- Xiaoguang Sun, MD, PhD – Medicine
- Susan Musyimi Crafton, MD – Emergency Medicine
- Saif Mashaqi, MD – Medicine
- Anna Alkozei, PhD – Family & Community Medicine
- Firas Kaddouh, MD – Neurology
- Asif Mohammed, MD – Anesthesiology
- Noah Tolby, MD – Emergency Medicine
- Abstain

Basic Science department nominees:
- Nafees Ahmad, PhD – Immunobiology
- Abstain

Appointments, Promotion & Tenure-
Five vacancies; four 3-yr terms and one 1-yr term; two basic science. Abstain or vote for up to 5.

Clinical Department nominees:
- Farshad Mazda Shirazi, MS, MD, PhD – Emergency Medicine
- Srikar Adhikari, MD, MS – Emergency Medicine
- Xiaoguang Sun, MD, PhD – Medicine
- Asif Mohammed, MD – Anesthesiology
- Abstain

Basic Science department nominees:
- Andrew Fuglevand, PhD – Physiology
- Julie Ledford, PhD – Cellular & Molecular Medicine
- Abstain

Committee of Ten-
Four vacancies; 3-yr term; one basic science. Abstain or vote up to 4.

Clinical Department nominees:
- Ryan Matika, MD – Anesthesiology
- Sapna Shah, MD – Medicine
• Allison Thoeny, MD – Anesthesiology
• Beth Meyerson, PhD – Family & Community Medicine
• Nathan Copeland, MD – Medicine
• Noah M Tolby, MD – Emergency Medicine
• Abstain

Basic Science department nominees:

Continuing Medical Education:

Four vacancies; two 3-yr terms; two 1-yr terms; clinical only. Abstain or vote for up to 4.

Clinical Department nominees:

• Monica Davini, MD – Pediatrics
• Rohit Madan, MD – Psychiatry
• Allison Thoeny, MD – Anesthesiology
• Madhan Shanmugasundaram, MD – Medicine
• Abd Assalam Qannus, MD – Medicine
• Alexandra Turner, MD – Surgery
• Iyad Mansour, MD – Medicine
• Imran Patel, DMD – Medicine
• Laurel Truscott, MD – Pediatrics
• Carrie Luu, MD – Surgery
• Aadhavi Sridharan, MD, PhD – Medicine
• Megan Matz, MD – Pediatrics
• Saher Khalid, MD – Medicine
• Abstain

Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee:

Two vacancies; 3-yr terms. Abstain or vote for up to 2.

Clinical Department nominees:

• Madhan Shanmugasundaram, MD – Medicine
• Catherine Riley, MD – Pediatrics
• Dhruv Choudhry, MD – Anesthesiology
• Indu Partha, MD – Surgery
• Sujata Saha, MD – Surgery
• Abstain

Basic Science department nominees:

• Abstain
Educational Policy Committee-
Four vacancies; 3-yr terms. Abstain or vote for up to 4.

Clinical department nominees:
- Saman Nematollahi, MD – Medicine
- Philip Rosen, MD – Surgery
- Michael Ditillo, DO – Surgery
- Ryan Wong, MD – Medicine
- Sujata Saha, MD – Surgery
- Abstain

Basic Science department nominees:
- David Bear, PhD – Cellular & Molecular Medicine
- Abstain

MD/PhD Committee-
Four vacancies; three 3-yr terms and one 1-yr term; two basic science. Abstain or vote for up to 4.

Clinical Department nominees:
- Srikar Adhikari, MD, MS – Emergency Medicine
- Abstain

Basic Science Department nominees:
- Christopher Banek, PhD – Physiology
- Trent Anderson, PhD – Pharmacology
- Katalin Gothard, MD, PhD – Physiology
- Abstain

Student Appeals Committee-
Three vacancies; 3-yr terms. Abstain or vote for up to 3.

Clinical Department nominees:
- Catherine Shisslak, PhD – Family & Community Medicine
- Andrea Aguirre, MD – OB/GYN
- Abstain

Basic Science Department nominees:
**Student Progress Committee**
Six vacancies; three 3-yr terms, two 2-yr terms, one 1-yr term; two basic science. Abstain or vote for up to 6.

**Clinical Department nominees:**
- Ryan Matika, MD – Anesthesiology
- Sapna Shah, MD – Medicine
- Meenakshi Dagar, MD – Medicine
- Lourdes Castanon, MD – Surgery
- Laurel Truscott, MD – Pediatrics
- Abstain

**Basic Science Department nominees:**
- Tally Largent-Milnes, PhD – Pharmacology
- Abstain

**Dean’s Council on Faculty Affairs**
Three vacancies; one 4-yr term, one 2-yr term, one 1-yr term; one basic science. Abstain or vote for up to 3.

**Clinical Department nominees:**
- Venkatesh Ariyamuthu, MD – Medicine
- Allison Huff Macpherson, DHEd - Family and Community Medicine
- Abstain

**Basic Science Department nominees:**
- Christopher Banek, PhD – Physiology
- Paulo Pires, PhD – Physiology
- Abstain

**Dean’s Research Council**
Three vacancies; 5-yr terms. Abstain or vote for up to 3.

**Clinical Department nominees:**
- Molly Douglas, MD – Surgery
- Mohamed Ahmed, MD, PhD – Pediatrics
- Abstain
**Basic Science Department nominees:**
- Paulo Pires, PhD – Physiology
- Abstain

**Faculty Diversity Advisory Committee**
Two vacancies; 4-yr term; basic science only. Abstain or vote for up to 2.

**Basic Science Department nominees:**
- Jacob Schwartz, PhD – Pharmacology
- Abstain

**Honors and Awards Committee**
One vacancy; 2-yr term. Abstain or vote for up to 1.

**Clinical Department nominees:**
- Alexandra Turner, MD – Surgery
- Andrea Aguirre, MD – OB/GYN
- Sara Penquite, MD – Medicine
- Abstain

**Basic Science Department nominees:**
- Raymond Wong, PhD – Pharmacology
- Abstain

**Medical Student Research Council**
Three vacancies; two 3-yr terms and one 1-yr term; one basic science. Abstain or vote for up to 3.

**Clinical Department nominees:**
- Linnea Linde-Krieger, PhD – Family and Community Medicine
- Torsten Falk, PhD – Neurology
- Kellen Chen, PhD – Surgery samla
- Carrie Luu, MD – Surgery
- Abstain

**Basic Science Department nominees:**
- Raymond Wong, PhD – Pharmacology
- Abstain
AAMC Council on Faculty Academic Societies-

One vacancy; 2-yr term; assistant professor only. Abstain or vote for up to 1.

Clinical Department nominees:

- Rohit Madan, MD – Psychiatry
- Abstain

Basic Science Department nominees:

Representative to the Graduate Council-

One vacancy; 4-yr term; clinical only. Abstain or vote for up to 1.

Clinical Department nominees:

This is the end of the ballot – Thank you for voting!