

Tulane Resident and Fellow Congress
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022, 7pm

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I. Call to Order

II. Old business

a. Election process for new TRFC representatives

- i. Please encourage your colleagues to nominate themselves and others to run for TRFC representatives for 2022-2023.

**The following agenda items were deferred to next TRFC meeting (6/9/22) due to time limitation:*

b. Bylaws Update -Approved by GMEC

c. Resident & Fellow workspace at TMC

d. Update on downtown gym: Plan for opening May 2022.

<https://campusrecreation.tulane.edu/tu-fitness-center>

e. TRFC Thursdays: TRFC Office hours have had no to low attendance and will be deferred for now. We will plan to have an open TRFC meeting on 6/9/22 and 7/14/22 for all trainees to bring concerns from 6-7 pm prior to TRFC meeting.

<https://tulanehipaa.zoom.us/j/91064326157>

f. We now have social media! Contact Leslie Miller if you'd like to help manage platforms (i.e. create content, add images).

- i. Instagram: tulane_residentfellowcongress

- ii. Twitter: @TulaneRFC

- iii. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080370039854>

III. New Business

a. Clarification on Tulane Parental Leave Policy for residents and fellows
(Leslie Miller)

b. Possibility of independent TRFC Bank Account: Request GME work with TRFC to open separate TRFC bank account to ease access to TRFC funds and increase transparency of TRFC balance.

IV. Open floor for new business (*Open floor is an opportunity for committee members to present items for new business to be addressed at the next TRFC meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for TRFC Representatives to bring resident and fellow concerns to the committee and add them to the agenda.*)

V. Adjourn

VI. Attendance:

1. Andy Pham (TRFC President 2021-2022)
2. Megan Lerner
3. Leslie Miller (TRFC Secretary, President-Elect 2022-2023)
4. Mary Jenkins (TRFC Co-VP)
5. Danae Brierre
6. Zach Hansen
7. Cathy Luo
8. Allison Key
9. Mei Yang
10. Michael Gio
11. Clair Mickey
12. Saihithi

Upcoming Events:

- 9/8/22, 6-7 pm: TRFC Open Forum via zoom <https://tulanehipaa.zoom.us/j/91064326157>
- 12/8/22, 6-7 pm: TRFC Open Forum via zoom
- July 2022: TRFC representative elections

Resource List:

- **Mental Health Resources:**
 - Find resources via Tulane Companion App: Support > Trainee > Psychotherapy and Psychiatry in New Orleans.
 - Compilation of Mental Health & Wellness Resources for Medical Professionals: https://docs.google.com/document/d/18kawS_-YixGrXrNRo_rAsW0VcdGjU66b4tYznJh6PvU/edit?usp=sharing
- **TRFC Website:** <https://medicine.tulane.edu/graduate-medical-education/resident-and-fellow-congress-trfc>
 - Please visit our website to find out who your TRFC reps are and reach out to them with any questions or concerns. If you are interested in leadership, please consider running for TRFC next year!
- Professional Reporting System: <https://medicine.tulane.edu/student-affairs/professionalismenvironment-learning-program>
- **Professionalism Reporting System Reports:** <https://medicine.tulane.edu/student-affairs/professionalismenvironment-learning-program/program-statistics>
- Professionalism Task Force website: <https://medicine.tulane.edu/student-affairs/professionalismenvironment-learning-program/professionalism-task-force>
- GME website: <https://medicine.tulane.edu/education/graduate-medical-education>
- Tulane Retirement Plans are available, but Tulane does not match contributions. TIAA customer service representatives have been helpful to individual residents in setting up retirement plans.
[https://hr.tulane.edu/benefits/retirement#:~:text=Tulane%20currently%20offers%20four%20retirement,c\)%20tax%2Dexempt%20organizations](https://hr.tulane.edu/benefits/retirement#:~:text=Tulane%20currently%20offers%20four%20retirement,c)%20tax%2Dexempt%20organizations)

- PSLF presentation recording can be found at :
<https://financialaid.tulane.edu/resources/additional-resources/presentations>