



Councils & Committees Roster 2025-2026

Executive Council (2.1)

Dr. Lamar Pritchard, Dean
Dr. Paige Pitman, Executive Associate Dean
Dr. Tahir Hussain, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs
Dr. Elizabeth Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Dr. Nancy Ordonez, Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs
Dr. Kimberly Nguyen, Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Dr. Jason Eriksen, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs
Dr. Ronnie Ozuna, Assistant Dean, Rio Grande Valley
Dr. Brian Dzwonek, Assistant Dean of Assessment and Accreditation
Dr. Kevin Garey, PPTR Chair
Dr. Greg Cuny, PPS Chair
Dr. Rajendar Aparasu, PHOP Chair
Dr. Julianna Fernandez, PPTR, Assistant Department Chair
Dr. Bradley McConnell, PPS, Assistant Department Chair
Dr. Hua Chen, PHOP, Assistant Department Chair

Ex-Officio Members

Dr. Divya Varkey, Chair of Faculty Advisory Council
Ms. Miranda McMorris, Executive Director of Business Operations
Mr. Paul Boyle, Director of IT Resources
Mr. Chip Lambert, Director of Communications
Dr. David Wallace, Director of Co-Curriculum
Ms. Abby Sayers, Assistant Director, Development
Dr. MariVi Tejada-Simon, Director of Faculty Development
Ms. Kristan Perello, Chair of Staff Advisory Council

Faculty Advisory Council (2.2)

Dr. Divya Varkey, Chair (Faculty elected, 23-26) (PPTR elected, 20-23)
Dr. Sujit Sansgiry (PHOP elected, 24-27, 21-24)
Dr. Samina Salim (PPS elected, 24-27) (to take over for Richard Bond 22-25)
Dr. Austin De La Cruz (PPTR elected, 23-26)
Ms. Leslie Joseph, Chair of Staff Advisory Council, Ex-Officio
Dr. Bradley McConnell, Faculty Council (C) exp 8/31/2026, Ex-Officio
Dr. Doug Thornton, Faculty Council (RSC) exp 8/31/2027, Ex-Officio
Dr. Matthew Wanat, Faculty Council (FAC) exp 8/31/2027, Ex-Officio

Staff Advisory Council (2.3) *2-year term, Chair & Secretary elected from the 6 members (2 yr term) Council serves the Dean in an advisory capacity. Council shall report to the Dean at least once a semester. Must meet once a semester on matters brought forth by the staff – elections to be held beginning of fall semester*

Ms. Leslie Joseph, Chair (Staff Council elected, 25-27) (elected Academic Affairs, 24-26)
Ms. Kristin Mitchener, Secretary (Staff Council elected, 25-27) (elected Administration and Finance, 25-27)
Ms. Egina Villalobos-Hernandez (elected Research and Advancement, 25-27, 24-25)
Ms. Kristan Perello, Immediate Past Chair (25-26)
Ms. Madeline Kemp (elected Academic Affairs, 25-27)
Ms. Stephanie Escobar (elected Student Affairs, 24-26)
Dr. Divya Varkey, Chair of Faculty Advisory Council, Ex-Officio

Assessment Committee (4.1)

Dr. Jeff Sherer, Co-Chair (Dean appt, 25-28, 22-25, 20-22) (PPTR appt, 19-20)
Dr. Divya Varkey, Co-Chair (Dean appt, 25-28, 22-25) (PPTR appt, 21-22, 18-21)
Dr. Bernadette Asias-Dinh, (Dean appt, 25-28, 22-25)
Dr. Dhara Surati (Dean appt, 25-28)
Dr. Josh Wollen (Dean appt 25-27) to take over for Cole Wilder (Dean appt, 24-27, 23-24)
Dr. Susan Abughosh (PHOP elect, 24-27) (22-24)
Dr. Joydip Das (PPS elect, 25-28, 23-25)
Dr. Shane Tolleson (PPTR elect, 23-26, 20-23)
Mr. Emetu Umah, P3 PharmD student (24-25)
Ms. Ursula Hunter, P2 PharmD student (25-26)
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Liz Wang, Co-Chair, PharmD Curriculum Committee, Ex-Officio
Dr. Cathy Hatfield, Co-Chair, PharmD Curriculum Committee, Ex-Officio
Dr. Brian Dzwonek, Assistant Dean of Assessment and Accreditation, Ex-Officio
Ms. Jennifer Green, Director, PharmD Academic Program Management, Ex-Officio

College Budget Advisory Committee (4.2) - need to elect Chair from within committee

Dr. Louis Williams, (PPS elected, 24-27)
Dr. Josh Wollen, (PPTR elected, 23-26, 20-23)
Dr. Diana Chow (PPS elected, 25-28)
Dr. Sandy Diec (PPTR elected 25-28)
Dr. Sujit Sansgiry (PHOP elected 23-26, 20-23, 17-20)
Ms. Leslie Joseph, Chair of Staff Advisory Council (25-27)

Faculty Development Committee (4.3)

Dr. Mabel Truong, Chair (Dean appt 23-26) (PPTR appt, 20-21, 21-24)
Dr. Joshua Wollen (PPTR appt 24-27, 23-24)
Dr. Sandy Diec (PPTR appt 25-28, 22-25)
Dr. Jiukuan Hao (PPS appt 23-26, 20-23)
Dr. Ravi Singh (PPS appt 24-27)
Dr. Jieni Li (PHOP 25-26) to take over for Hua Chen (PHOP appt 23-26)
Mr. Paul Boyle, Director of IT Support, Ex-Officio
Dr. MariVi Tejada-Simon, Director of Faculty Development, Ex-Officio
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Liz Wang, Co-Chair, PharmD Curriculum Committee, Ex-Officio
Dr. Cathy Hatfield, Co-Chair, PharmD Curriculum Committee, Ex-Officio

Faculty Grievance Committee (4.4) *The Committee shall be composed of five promotion-eligible tenure track, one Renewable Employment Agreement (REA) eligible PE-NTT faculty (as defined by university policy), and a Committee Chair. Excluding the chair, the committee membership shall consist of two members from Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences (PPS), two from Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research (PPTR), one from Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes Policy (PHOP) appointed by each Departmental Chair and REA-eligible PE-NTT faculty elected by the eligible faculty members.*

Dr. Louis Williams, Chair (Dean appt 23-26, 20-23) (PPS, tenured, elected 17-20)
Dr. Ruiwen Zhang (PPS, tenured, elected 23-26)
Dr. Ming Hu (PPS, tenured, appointed 24-27)
Dr. Vincent Tam (PPTR, tenured, elected 23-26, 20-23, 17-20, 14-17)
Dr. Nick Beyda, (PPTR, elected, 25-28, 22-25)
Dr. Onye Ononogbu (PE-NTT, faculty elected, 25-28)
Dr. Sujit Sansgiry (PHOP, tenured, appointed 24-27)

Graduate Studies Committee (4.5)

Dr. Brad McConnell, Chair (Dean Appt 23-26, 20-23)
Dr. Lucy (Xi) Lu, (PHOP 25-27), to take over for Tyler Varisco, (PHOP, elected 24-27)
Dr. Nick Beyda, (PPTR, elected 23-26, 20-23, 16-20)
Dr. Krishna Boini, (PPS, elected 25-28)
Dr. Whitney Dike, PLA grad student representative (25-26)
Mr. Michael Okonkwo, PHOP grad student representative (25-26)
Ms. Sana Sharif, PPS grad student representative (25-26)
Dr. Jason Eriksen, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Brian Dzwonek, Assistant Dean of Assessment and Accreditation, Ex-Officio

Information Technology Committee (4.6)

Dr. Doug Thornton, Chair (Dean appt, 23-26) (PHOP appt 20-23)
Dr. Guizhen Zhao (PPS appt 25-28)
Dr. Ashok Kumar (PPS appt 24-27)
Dr. Aayna Shamsi (PPTR appt 24-26) To take over for Briget Martinez (PPS appt 23-26, 20-23, 19-20)
Dr. Matthew Wanat, (PPTR appt 25-28)
Dr. Dipali Rinker (PHOP 25-26) to take over for Moosa Tatar, (PHOP appt 23-26)
Mr. Michael Okonkwo, grad student representative (25-26)
Ms. Angela Tran, P2, PharmD student representative (25-26)
Mr. Paul Boyle, Director of IT Resources, Ex-Officio
Dr. Paige Pitman, Executive Associate Dean, Ex-officio
Ms. Stafanie Lapka, Library Representative, Ex-Officio

Pharm.D. Admissions and Progression Committee (4.7)

Dr. Aditi Marwaha, Chair (Dean appt, 23-26) (PPS appt 20-23, 17-20)
Dr. Krishna Boini (PPS appt 23-26)
Dr. Samina Salim (PPS appt 25-28, 22-25)
Dr. Mabel Truong (PPTR appt 23-26, 23)
Dr. Jodie Gee (PPTR appt 23-26, 20-23, 19-20)
Dr. Susan Abughosh (PHOP appt 21-24, 24-27)
Dr. Traci George, (Pharmacy Practitioner Dean appt 18-26)
Mr. Andre Chang, P2 (Dean appt 25-26)
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Kimberly Nguyen, Assist Dean for Stud and Prof Affairs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Jane Vo, Director of Admissions and Enrollment, Ex-Officio

Ms. Shauna Owens, Director of Student Services, Ex-Officio
Mr. Morgan Ely, Director of Pharmacy Admissions, Ex-Officio
Ms. Jacqueline Conde, Program Manager 2, Ex-Officio

Pharm.D. Curriculum Committee (4.8)

Dr. Elizabeth Wang, Co-Chair (Dean appt 24-27, 21-24)
Dr. Catherine Hatfield, Co-Chair (Dean appt 24-26) (PPTR appt 23-26)
Dr. Aditi Marwaha (PPS appt 21-24, 24-27)
Dr. Gomika Udugamasooriya (PPS appt 23-26)
Dr. Austin De La Cruz (PPTR appt 24-27)
Dr. Shantera Davis (for Catherine Hatfield (PPTR appt 23-26))
Dr. Moosa Tatar (PHOP appt 25-28)
Dr. Samantha Sangabi, Pharmacy Practitioner (Dean appt 25-26)
Ms. Kaelyn Alexander, P2 PharmD student (25-26)
Ms. Rachana Inteti, P3 PharmD student (24-26)
Dr. Jeff Sherer, Co-Chair, Assessment Committee, Ex-Officio
Dr. Divya Varkey, Co-Chair, Assessment Committee, Ex-Officio
Dr. Nancy Ordenez, Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ex-Officio
Dr. David Wallace, Director of Co-Curriculum, Ex-Officio
Dr. Brian Dzwonek, Assistant Dean of Assessment and Accreditation, Ex-Officio
Mr. Paul Boyle, Director IT Resources, Ex-Officio

Pharm.D. Experiential Advisory Committee (4.9)

Dr. Shantera Davis, Chair (Dean appt 25-26, 22-25)
Dr. Karina Garza (PPTR appt 20-23, 23-26)
Dr. Natalie Rosario (PPTR appt 24-27)
Dr. Wei Gao (PPS appt 25-28)
Dr. Mingfu Wu (PPS appt 24-27)
Dr. Tian Wang (PHOP appt 25-26) to take over for Tyler Varisco (PHOP appt 22-23, 23-26)
Mr. Erick Ramirez, P3 PharmD (25-26)
Ms. Catherine (Khanh) Nguyen, P3 PharmD (25-26)
Dr. Angelica Asadi, Ambulatory Care Practitioner, Dean appt (25-26)
Dr. Lavonna Cannon, Retail Pharmacy Practitioner, Dean appt (25-26)
Dr. Stephanie Crowley, Health System Pharmacy Practitioner, Dean appt (25-26)
Dr. Nancy Ordenez, Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Ex-Officio

Pharm.D. Student Affairs Committee (4.10)

Dr. Shane Tolleson, Co-Chair (Dean appt 22-26) (PPTR appt 18-21, 21-22)
Dr. Matthew Wanat, Co-Chair (Dean appt 25-28)
Dr. Onyebuchi Ononogbu (PPTR appt 24-27)
Dr. Aayna Shamsi (PPTR appt 25-26) to take over for Josh Wollen (PPTR appt 22-23, 23-26)
Dr. Bin Guo (PPS appt 21-24, 24-27)
Dr. Louis Williams (PPS appt 25-28)
Dr. Hua Chen (PHOP appt 25-26) to take over for Tyler Varisco (PHOP appt 23-26)
Dr. Sean Garcia, Pharmacy Practitioner (Dean appt 17-26)
Ms. Emily Groeper P3 student, (25-26)
Ms. Keilana Nicholas, P3 student, (24-26)

10/17/2025

Dr. Kimberly Nguyen, Assist Dean for Stud and Prof Affairs, Ex-Officio
Ms. Abby Sayers, Assistant Director, Development, Ex-Officio
Mr. Scott Parker, Financial Aid Advisor, Ex-Officio

Post-Tenure Review Committee (4.11) *nominated by tenured faculty at the representative departments at the first department meeting in the fall when a representative's term is complete. Except the department chair, voting rights of all tenured faculty are maintained. The committee has three (3) regular members with one representative from each department. Only tenured faculty with 50 percent or less administrative assignment can serve. Elected members will serve a minimum of 3 years on the PTR committee.*

Dr. Joydip Das (PPS, 24-27), (Faculty elected, 22-24)
Dr. Susan Abughosh (PHOP, 24-27), (Faculty elected, 23-24)
Dr. Vincent Tam (PPTR, 24-27)

Promotion and Tenure Committee (4.12) *appointed by Dean June 1-May 31, 1 yr term*

Dr. James Essien, Chair (25-28), (PHOP 17-25)
Dr. Ming Hu (PPS 22-26)
Dr. Bradley McConnell (PPS 22-26)
Dr. Meghana Trivedi (PPTR 23-26)
Dr. Gomika Udugamasooriya (PPS 25-26)
Dr. Ruiwen Zhang (PPS 25-26)
Dr. Jeff Sherer (PPTR (19-26)
Dr. Nancy Ordonez (PPTR 21-26)
Dr. Cathy Hatfield (PPTR 22-26)
Dr. Matthew Wanat (PPTR 24-26)
Dr. Teri Kosten (Psychology) (external member) (23-26)
Dr. Katerina Kourentzi (Chemical Engineering) (external member—Research Professor) (25-26)

Research Committee (4.13)

Dr. Doug Thornton, Chair (Dean appt 25-27), (FS-RSC member, 24-25), (PHOP elect 22-24)
Dr. Moosa Tatar, (PHOP elected 25-28)
Dr. Mingfu Wu, (PPS elected PPS 25-27)
Dr. Josh Wollen, (PPTR elected 25-27)
Dr. Taryn Eubank, (PPTR elected PPTR 25-28)
Dr. Udugamasooriya, (PPS elected 25-28)
Dr. Tahir Hussain, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Jason Eriksen, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs, Ex-Officio
Dr. Ron Ozuna, Assistant Dean for RGV, Ex-Officio
Dr. Meghana Trivedi, Director of Clinical and Translational Research, Ex-Officio

Strategic Planning Committee (4.14)

Dean Lamar Pritchard, Chair
Dr. Paige Pitman, Executive Associate Dean
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Dr. Tahir Hussain, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs
Dr. Nancy Ordonez, Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs
Dr. Kimberly Nguyen, Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Dr. Jason Eriksen, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs
Dr. Greg Cuny, PPS Chair
Dr. Kevin Garey, PPTR Chair
Dr. Raj Aparasu, PHOP Chair

10/17/2025

Dr. Divya Varkey, Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee
Ms. Kristan Perello, Chair of Staff Advisory Council
Dr. MariVi Tejada-Simon, Director of Faculty Development
Ms. Miranda McMorris, Executive Director of Business Operations
Dr. Lesa Thornton, Chair, Dean's Advisory Council (24-25)
Julianne Yanga, P3, President, Pharmacy Council (25-26)
Jokosh Peterkings, Pharmacy Graduate Student Association (PHOP) (25-26)
Dr. Barbara Carlin, University Member (Bauer College of Business)

Board of Ethical and Professional Conduct

Dr. Joshua Wollen, Faculty member, Dean appt (24-25); Faculty Co-Chair (25-26)
Dr. Radbod Darabi, Faculty member, Dean appt (25-26); Faculty Co-Chair (26-27)
Kaitlin Ridgell, P1 appointed
Travis Romero, P1 elected
Jonathan Gracia, P1 alternate elected
Jie Xin Lin, P2 appointed
Merna Khalil, P2 elected
Bao Han Nguyen, P2 alternate elected
Rebeca Carvajal Pelayo, P3 appointed
Larisa Maddux, P3 elected
Emetu Umah, P3 alternate elected
Braxton Jones, P4 appointed
Oscar Zambrano, P4 elected
Grace Liu, P4 alternate elected

Clinical and Translational Research Advisory Council - voluntary

Dr. Meghana Trivedi, Chair, Director of Clinical and Translational Research Programs
Dr. Diana Chow, PPS Faculty Member
Dr. Ming Hu, PPS Faculty Member
Dr. Xinli Liu, PPS Faculty Member
Dr. Vincent Tam, PPTR Faculty Member
Dr. Matthew Wanat, PPTR Faculty Member
open, PHOP Faculty Member
Dr. Tahir Hussain, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs
Dr. Doug Thornton, Chair, Research Committee
Dr. Egina Villalobos-Hernandez, Research Associate

College Wellness Advisory Council (PharmD) - voluntary

Dr. Austin De La Cruz, Chair, Clinical Associate Professor (2025-2027)
Dr. Julianna Fernandez, PPTR Assistant Vice Department Chair (2025-2027)
Dr. Samina Salim, Associate Professor (2025-2027)
Dr. Aayna Shamsi, Clinical Assistant Professor (2025-2027)
Dr. Dhara Surati, Clinical Associate Professor (2025-2027)
Ms. Kenya Barry, PHOP Administrative Coordinator (2025-2027)
Ms. Cindy De Alejandro, PPTR Instructional Lab Manager (2025-2027)
Dr. Brian Dzwonek, Assistant Dean for Assessment and Accreditation (2025-2027)
Ms. Neha Valji, Graduate Studies Program Director (2025-2027)
Ms. Jane Vo, Director, PharmD Admissions & Enrollment Services (2025-2027)

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Task Force - voluntary

Dr. Julianna Fernandez, Co-Chair, Faculty Member (22-26)
Dr. Aditi Marwaha, Co-Chair, Faculty Member (22-26)
Dr. Bernadette Asias-Dinh (22-26)
Dr. Cathy Hatfield (22-26)
Dr. Dhara Surati (22-26)
Dr. Shane Tolleson (22-26)
Dr. MariVi Tejada-Simon, Director of Faculty Development (22-26)
Dr. Liz Coyle, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (22-26)
Dr. Bryan Dzwonek, Assistant Dean of Assessment and Accreditation, Ex-Officio

Student Wellness Advisory Council (PharmD) - voluntary

Dr. Austin De La Cruz, Chair, Clinical Associate Professor (2019-2027)
Dr. Thomas Hanigan, Assistant Professor (2025-2027)
Dr. Divya Varkey, Clinical Associate Professor (2019-2027)
Dr. Dave Wallace, Director of Co-Curriculum
Dr. Kimberly Nguyen, Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Dr. Jason Eriksen, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs
Ms. Shauna Owens, Director of Pharmacy Student Services
Ms. Tinyin Chang, P1 (2025-2027)
Ms. Tatum Guerrero, P1 (2025-2027)
Ms. Aisha Ibrahim, P2 (2024-2026)
Ms. Faith Anu, P2 (2024-2026)
Ms. Qamar Dhafer, P3 (2023-2027)
Ms. Brianna Phan-Tran, P3 (2023-2027)
Mr. Minh Pham, P4 (2024-2026)
Ms. Mah Noor Zahra, P4 (2024-2026)

UHCOP-DHR Collaboration Committee - voluntary

Dean Lamar Pritchard, Chair
Dr. Diana Chow, Co-Chair, Director, Institute for Drug Education and Research
Dr. Ron Ozuna, Co-Chair, Assistant Dean RGV
Dr. Monica Betancourt, Scientific Director, Center of Excellence for Trauma Research in the Border Region, DHR
Dr. Scott Lillibridge, Vice President, DHR Health Institute for Research and Development, DHR
Dr. Tahir Hussain, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs
Dr. Meghana Trivedi, Director, Strategic Research Development, UHCOP
Dr. Karina Garza, Clinical Assistant Professor

Dean's Student Advisory Council

Alyssa Luu, P1
Linh Nguyen, P1
Cecilia Phan, P1
Ashley Kurian, P2
Bonny (Diemthuy) Le, P2
Tiffany Thompson, P2
Ashley Pham, P3
Tien Nguyen, P3
Thanh-tam Nguyen, P3
Julianne Yanga, P3, PC President

10/17/2025

Leslie Gomez, P4
Veronica Mares, P4
Aniqa Virani, P4

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council

Paroma Arefin, PHOP
Oscar Corona, PLA
Javeria Khalid, PHOP
Wenkun Ma, PPS
Netra Neupane, PPS
Theresa Nguyen, PPS
Oluwafeyisayo Obadimu PHOP
Sulaimon Abdul, PHOP
Yongki Xiao, PPS

Other:

AACP Delegate: Aditi Marwaha for summer 2026 mtg
AACP Alternate: Douglas Thornton for summer 2026 mtg
AACP Delegate: Aayna Shamsi for summer 2025 mtg
AACP Alternate: Aditi Marwaha for summer 2025 mtg
AACP Delegate: Shane Tolleson for summer 2024 mtg
AACP Alternate: Aayna Shamsi summer 2024 mtg
AACP Delegate: Joshua Wollen for summer 2023 mtg
AACP Alternate: Shane Tolleson for summer 2023 mtg
AACP Delegate: Alexa Zhao for summer 2022 mtg
AACP Alternate: Joshua Wollen for summer 2022 mtg
AACP Delegate: Shane Tolleson for summer 2021 mtg
AACP Alternate: Alexa Zhao for summer 2021 mtg
AACP Delegate: Dhara Surati for summer 2020 mtg
AACP Alternate: Shane Tolleson for summer 2020
AACP Delegate: ~~Katherine Smith for summer 2019~~ (replaced by Dhara Surati, alternate delegate)
AACP Alternate: Dhara Surati for summer 2019 mtg
AACP Delegate: Marc Fleming for summer 2018 mtg
AACP Alternate: Katherine Smith for summer 2018 mtg
AACP Delegate: Julianna Fernandez for 2017 mtg
AACP Alternate: Marc Fleming for 2018 mtg
AACP Delegate: Matt Wanat for 2016 mtg
AACP Alternate: Julianna Fernandez (elected at 9/8/15 faculty mtg)
AACP Delegate: Lynn Simpson for 2015 mtg
AACP Alternate: Matt Wanat for 2015 mtg
AACP Delegate: Lindsay Schwarz for 2014 mtg
AACP Alternate: Lynn Simpson for 2014 mtg

Faculty Council (3)

Dr. Bradley McConnell, (C) exp 8/31/2026
Dr. Doug Thornton, (RSC) exp 8/31/2027

10/17/2025

Dr. Matthew Wanat, (FAC) exp 8/31/2027

Graduate student to attend faculty meeting – Jokoh Peterkings (PHOP)

PC President to attend faculty meeting – Julianne Yanga, Pharmacy Council President