

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)
Meeting
December 13, 2010
8:00-9:15 a.m.
Corporation Room, University Hall

Present: Timothy Flanigan, Andy Artenstein, Suzanne de la Monte, Cesario Bianchi, Colin Harrington, Iris Tong, Jennifer Clarke, Joe Diaz, Michele Cyr, Peter Shanks, Glenn Tong, Barbara Stonestreet, Sharon Rounds, Craig Eberson, Maureen Tung, and guests, Professor of Medicine Dr. Lance Dworkin and Professor of Medical Science Dr. Terrie Wetle.

Chair Tim Flanigan opened the meeting at 8am. FEC representative Peter Shanks gave an overview of the December 7, 2010 Faculty Meeting and the passage of motions regarding tenure proposed by the Provost.

Also mentioned were changes to the academic calendar, IRB revisions and the creation of a search committee for a new Provost.

Guest Dr. Lance Dworkin, Professor of Medicine, spoke to the MFEC regarding conflict of interest issues in the Lifespan/Warren Alpert School of Medicine association. He recommended www.aamc.org/publications as a reference to subjects currently under review.

Dr. Dworkin touched upon relationships between physicians and industry, an evolving conflict of interest policy between Brown University and Lifespan and commented on the complex variety of codes across institutional and academic spheres. Comparisons are being made with peer institutions. Education not compliance is the main focus as policy evolves.

Much general discussion followed.

Terrie Wetle, Professor of Medical Science next visited the MFEC. She presented the efforts leading to formation of a School of Public Health. Brown University is closely working with Tugaloo University to foster a strong collaboration between departments to encourage public health training from undergraduate to post graduate level. A proposal to form a School of Public Health is being reviewed by the FEC for eventual Corporation approval. Scholarships are available and funding is forthcoming.

The MFEC discussed the proposed school and its impact upon the medical school.

General discussion followed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead
Secretary to the MFEC