

Medical Faculty Executive Committee
Minutes
March 13, 2006

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Present: Elizabeth Harrington, Cynthia Jackson, Beth Bock, John Murphy, Maureen Phipps, Jose Albina, Douglas Hixson, Eduardo Nillni, James Padbury, Wen-Chih Wu, Christine Acebo, Amy Salisbury, and Kelly McGarry.

1. Minutes of February 13, 2006 were unanimously approved.

2. Chair's Remarks (Bob Smith, Chair Pro-Tem)
Under discussion with the Brown Community Council were Brown's apparel and supplies being manufactured in sweat shops and ways to distinguish the origins of merchandise that exploits labor.
Also discussed was the Corporation's decision to divest University investments in the Sudan and any involvement in the Darfur genocide.
Plans are also under way to out source the Brown Bookstore to a major college bookstore vendor such as Barnes & Noble, Follett College Bookstores or Borders. The impact upon workers, selections, and style were all considered.

3. Changes to the MFEC Charge came under discussion. Topics include the Dean's role, and a change to address Clinical Educator status as having no representation. There is some contention regarding uniform application between departments and especially the lack of a Clinical Educator voice on the MFEC.

4. There was renewed discussion to update section E of the MFEC charge. A refined definition of the MFEC's role, relationship with Administration, especially the Dean, and the MFEC's service as a disseminator independent of the Administration to bring issues to the table. A proposal was made to add discussion of changes to the MFEC charge to the April agenda.

5. Cynthia Jackson reported upon progress made in the Nominations Committee. 15 candidates are under review.

6. Report from the FEC (James Padbury): Issues before the FEC include versions of faculty status, motions on Admission Policy, and comments regarding the Faculty Forum on the Science Cohort. The Science Cohort is to be interdisciplinary, while a continued search for a Dean and other leadership positions is open and continuous. Also called into play are implications in change of Provost.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead
Secretary