

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present: Chair Mike Stein, Jane Eisen, Patricia Flanagan, Michelle Lally, Cynthia Robinson-Loncar, Jennifer Clarke, Iris Tong, Leslie-Robinson Bostom, Craig Ebersson, Francois Luks, Colin Harrington, James Gilchrist, Suzanne de la Monte.

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m., Mike Stein presiding.

The MFEC reviewed the pending Chair of Department searches. The Internal Medicine search committee will be led by Dr. Ehrlich. A search firm has been selected which is collecting material for prospective candidates. The Neurosurgery Chair search is led by Dr. Cronin while the committee is not yet constituted. Both the Neurology and Psychiatry Chairs will be replaced by interim Chairs during the interregnum. No further information is available at present.

The MFEC has decided to proceed with understanding the barriers to software dissemination across the hospitals especially in light of Brown's Vice President for IT Michael Pickett's conversation at the December MFEC meeting. We will invite Mr. Pickett as well as the heads of IT at Care New England, Lifespan, and Memorial Hospital to discuss an agenda for change. Software issues were identified by survey as being the top issue by respondents. The MFEC hopes to contact the IT chiefs on a regular basis to make progress on this issue.

The MFEC has decided to proceed with gathering information on the longstanding issue of IRB collaboration across Brown research sites. We will attempt to understand barriers to simplification and collaborating for multi-site studies. Committee members will speak with local medical chairs of individual IRBs and then IRB administration will be invited to a spring meeting of the MFEC.

The meeting closed at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead
Secretary to the MFEC