

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

September 14, 2009

8:00-9:30am.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present: Suzanne de la Monte, Chair, Michael Stein, Timothy Flanigan, Deirdre Fearon, Maureen Chung, Joseph Diaz, Sharon Rounds, Angela Anderson, Jennifer Clarke, Craig Ebersson, Leslie Robinson-Bostom, Colin Harrington, Linda LaGasse, Cynthia Miller-Loncar and Paul DiSilvestro.

The meeting began at 8:05am, Chair Suzanne de la Monte presiding.

No report from BUUC

No report from the FEC

New members, Timothy Flanigan, Maureen Chung, Joseph Diaz, Deirdre Fearon, Carmen Monzon and Sharon Rounds were welcomed to the MFEC.

The mission and bylaws of the MFEC were discussed as well as the need to fill 2 vacancies to the BUUC and the FEC. The possibility of rotating representatives was tendered to ease imposts upon time commitments of members.

The MFEC reviewed the past year's ideas such as the Survey Monkey to conduct surveys of the Medical Faculty and the impact such surveys have upon the Administration as well as articulating the concerns of the faculty. The consensus was to conduct future surveys with close cooperation with the Administration and the faculty. Of particular interest was software compatibility. Licensing issues and proprietary rights have created blockages and much waste of time and effort to conduct research and teach. IRG cooperation was suggested as a means of reducing waste and duplication among hospital applications.

An overview of goals for the upcoming year caused much general discussion. Some topics of special interest included course auditing, brief sabbaticals and scholarly leaves.

Assistant Dean Glenn Tung visited the MFEC and gave an overview of establishing a database for communicating among scientists at Brown biomedical institutions and Rhode Island state universities.

Dr. James Padbury visited the MFEC and made an introduction to the plan for the Center for Translational research. Dr. Padbury discussed the proposed application for an NIH Center for Translational Science Award. The goals:

- transform local, regional and national environment for clinical and translational science
 - Increase the efficiency and speed of clinical and translational research
 - Create a distinct discipline of clinical and translational science needed to ensure that the rapid and fundamental advances in biomedical and behavioral sciences will be used in patient-oriented research
 - Support for Core Labs, New Biomedical Informatics Division, Biostatistics,
 - Support for Rhode Island Research Information and Technology Exchange.
- Scientific social networking tool, ie. "Smart Campus"

- *Center for Clinical Translational Science (CCTS)* needed for undergraduates, graduate students (MPH, medical, engineering, etc), fellows, faculty
- Inter-disciplinary, inter-institutional, state-wide
- Next submission date: October 2009
- Dedicated funding: \$4 million/year for 5 years
- IBM Collaboration
 - High performance computing and Advanced Computational & Experimental Data Center
 - Statewide + Collaboration project
(All hospitals, all Universities, MBL, URI)
- Rhode Island Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Brown University
- Signature award for University-based biomedical research – raise profile
- Leverage additional awards & opportunities
- Added value to encourage and further collaborations with hospitals and other research institutions (MBL, URI, RISD)
- Clinical recruitment and retention
- National and international research & training model

Much general discussion followed regarding the major points introduced into the meeting.

MFEC meeting closed at 9:30am

Respectfully submitted,

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