

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

October 15, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present: Penelope Dennehy, Chair, Michael Stein, Vice Chair, Barbara Scheppes, John Murphy, Michelle Lally, Eduardo Nillni, Emma Simmons, Jane Eisen, Angela Anderson, James Gilchrist, Geoffrey Russom, Kelly McGarry, Zeev Harel, Douglas Hixson, Amy Salisbury, Paul DiSilvestro, and Francois Luks.

The Meeting began at 8:05a.m. Chair Penny Dennehy presiding. Minutes from the September 2007 meeting approved.

Chair Dennehy welcomed new members to the MFEC.

Vice Chair Steinberg reported to the membership from the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) that an emergency alert system is now implemented campus wide. A combination of cell phone numbers, emails and emergency policies are now in effect using new technologies to ensure campus safety.

Chair Dennehy reported from the President's Executive Committee. Major topics of interest included classroom improvements, updates on the Strategic Plan, new facilities, construction on campus and questions regarding locations of new facilities. Also, the MFEC leadership met with Dean Adashi. They discussed the relationship of the Medical Faculty with the main campus, Tenure, Leave, Benefits and the role of an Ombudsperson. There was general discussion afterwards, much regarding parking and its impact on teaching and medical faculty contributions to the main campus.

Rick Russom introduced himself as the representative from the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC).

Invited guest, Nancy Thompson, Associate Dean for Post Doctoral Studies, provided rationale and extended information regarding the suspension of the Master of Medical Science degree. Factors included low enrollment, relevance, and advances in the medical school curriculum.

Philip Gruppuso, Dean for Medical Curriculum, discussed with the MFEC teaching compensation plans. An outside consultant was hired to assemble data on teaching activities. Areas were found for additional support and others targeted for increased spending in the future.

A new contact information list was circulated among the membership for better contact.

Meeting closed at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead, Secretary to the MFEC

