

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)
Meeting
Monday November 13, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Corporation Room, University Hall

Present:

Robert Smith, Chair; Jody Rich; Past Chair; Penny Dennehy, Vice Chair; Michelle Lally, Bruce Becker, Joseph Diaz, Geoffrey Tremont, Wen-Chih Wu, Christine Acebo, Cynthia Jackson, Kelly McGarry, Patricia Flanagan.

The Meeting began at 8:00 a.m, Chair Robert Smith presiding.

Chair Smith introduced Dr. Arthur Klein, Associate Dean for Strategic Planning & Special Projects, (Brown) and Senior Vice-President and Chief Physician Officer, (Lifespan). Dr. Klein's remarks started with some personal background about his work in New York and his expertise in systemic approaches and partnerships. Dr. Klein is starting his work with emphasis in:

1. New Program Development
2. Financial Stability;
 - a. It's time to invest in new programs
 - b. To Standstill is to go backwards
 - c. Growth is evident in Hasbro and related hospitals
3. Oncology is "America's Disease" nearly every system in the country includes this as a top priority as identified by the NCI, National Cancer Institute.
4. Strengths of the Brown Medical School are especially evident in treating Heart Disease and noteworthy research at the Diabetes Hallet Center. A genetic personalized profile of each patient is promising for patient care.
5. Strategic Plans: to reflect growing consumerism in medicine, especially as patients access more web based information. As web based information effects medicine and services a more centrally focused resource is necessary. The web will also define demand for disease treatment programs.
6. Physician Strategies will reflect new IT technologies and be more responsive to federally mandated changes.
 - a. Manage care contracts more individualized
 - b. Effects future employment
 - c. Impacts historical relationships
 - d. Creates demand for Physician Learning Institute
 - e. Strategic Planning and modeling for the future

Dr. Klein was recruited for stronger relationship with Brown/Lifespan and a working group is in place. President Simmons, " Life Science is the Future". Grants and

intellectual capital is to grow from historical basis towards a Development Medical Institute as an intellectual incubator; to be built and located near the Women and Infants Hospital from the ground up. It will be unique in the country linking Undergraduate, Post Graduate and Community Health programs.

A second aim regards research partnerships, to streamline; clinical arm to research bench; by improving more collaborative Brown teaching and research and further into Community Health, such as Oncology, and especially relevant to teaching, not unilateral but a partnership. Dr. Klein considers himself as being, "Don Quixote". He cited many advantages to the Brown/Lifespan relationship, such as central location in Providence, centralized not to leave outside programs to languish, complimentary tertiary and quaternary care are strengths. Rhode Island advantage is cost effectiveness, economy of scale and very competitive to national medicine.

Chair Smith with remarks from President's Cabinet; MFEC wishes to introduce dialog to better define issues of perceived differences between off campus/campus Faculty. Also President Simmons is traveling the globe making international contacts to increase Brown's international student body. Major hurdles include financial aid for international candidates; the Provost Office is assembling data.

Vice Chair Dennehy reported from the Brown Community Council and BioMed Strategic Planning Working Group.

1. Brown Police Officers displayed appropriate behavior in recent student police incidents. Especially regarding proper identification and procedures. (Student demonstrations on campus reflect student concerns)
2. Policy is towards greater centralization of programs
3. Investment in centers of academic excellence, for example Oncology but other areas as well.

Cynthia Jackson is working on Nominations for 3 candidates to the MFEC

General discussion between members upon issues vis a vis the Brown Medical Faculty and the University.

Meeting closed at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead
Secretary to the MFEC.