

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

November 10, 2008

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Crystal Room, Alumni Hall

Present: Mike Stein, Chair; Suzanne de la Monte, Vice Chair; Penny Dennehy, Past Chair; Angela Anderson, Colin Harrington, Patricia Flanagan, Craig Ebersson, Cynthia Loncar, Francois Luks, James Gilchrist, Geoffrey Tremont, Leslie Bostom, Linda LaGasse, Michelle Lally, Paul DiSilvestro, and Zeev Harel.

The meeting began at 8:05 a.m., Chair Michael Stein presiding. Minutes for October were approved.

Dean Ed Wing visited the MFEC. Dean Wing attended the meeting to update the MFEC on several items. 1) The new BMS Medical Education building is planned for the jewelry district. Construction will be delayed due to the national financial crisis and the backloading of the Frank gift to Brown which is distributed in years 5 and 10 principally. 2) Negotiations between Brown and Lifespan begin this week. Under discussion will be joint strategic planning, particularly regarding prospective Centers of Excellence (tentatively in cancer, cardiovascular disease, bioengineering, and personalized medicine). Also financial support of the Dean' Office which is currently funded primarily through biomedical tuitions. 3) Tenure is being considered for clinical faculty, specifically department chairs and persons with endowed chairs, and would include partial salary support. 5) The Dean's office may undergo reorganization, including the creation of a new Clinical Dean to interface with clinical departments. 6) A biweekly Dean's letter to the faculty may be starting soon.

Associate Dean Philip Gruppuso visited the MFEC. Dean Gruppuso attended the meeting to update the MFEC on compensation to Clinical Departments for medical education for Academic Year 2008-2009. Some aspects of last year remain unchanged. 1) Funds will be deposited in accounts to be drawn at the discretion of department chairs. 2) \$100,000 will be distributed based on pre-clinical teaching hours. Data from the previous year will be used to assure accuracy. Data from this year will determine next year's distribution. 3) Clerkship support (directors and coordinators) will be held steady.

Changes in the distribution plan for the current academic year include 1) increases to pathophysiology block directors, 2) the "shared-chair adjustment" will be decreased by 10%. 3) Discretionary adjustments will be decreased as a first step in phasing out.

Several new positions are created including Co-Director, Pre-Clinical Curriculum; Director, Clinical Curriculum; Assistant Dean, Minority Medical Affairs, and several others. Discretionary funding has been adjusted to provide a minimum level of support to all departments.

General Discussion followed Deans Wing and Gruppuso's presentations.

There were no reports from the FEC, BUUC, or the President's Executive Council Meeting to allow general discussion after Dean Wing and Associate Dean Phil Gruppuso's visit.

Additional documents for Dean Gruppuso's visit are included below.

MFEC meeting closed at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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