1. The meeting began at 5:15 p.m.

2. The January 17, 2018 minutes were approved.

3. Introductions and Welcome of New Members
   New CFAC members, Dr. Nitin Damle, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine (who participated via phone), Dr. Carolina Cerezo, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Clinician Educator, and Dr. Robert Dyer, Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology, were introduced and welcomed to the committee.

4. Lifespan/CNE/Partners Announcement
   A brief discussion was held regarding the February Lifespan/CNE/Partners announcement that the three systems will enter formal talks to assess how they might work together to strengthen patient care delivery in RI.
5. Teaching Awards Nominations Process
There are still a few departments that have not responded about teaching awards nominations so Abbey will send email reminders out to those departments. Members were encouraged to talk up the awards at their respective sites. A couple of changes to the teaching awards review process were proposed and approved:

- A meeting will be scheduled during the first week of May to finalize the teaching awards recipients in order to allow plenty of notice to them and their department chairs of their invitations to the June 12th awards reception.
- Each application will be assigned 2 reviewers this year to allow for better vetting and discussion.
- Abbey will be placing an electronic evaluation form on the CFAC website for all committee members to cast their votes for each application that they review so that all is in order for the early May meeting.

6. Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) Newsletter
In an effort to raise the visibility of the CFAC, Dr. Catherine Cummings worked with RIMS to have a question and answer piece published in the April issue of the RIMS newsletter about CFAC and the opportunities and benefits for clinical faculty here at Brown. We will try to monitor the hits to the CFAC website after the piece is published to see if there was increased interest in our committee and mission.

7. Kudos
Kris Cambra from Kudos could not meet with the committee at this meeting, but preliminary discussions between her and Dr. Linda Nici have been positive for adding a “clinical item” to the monthly Kudos. The committee discussed what this might look like and came up with some questions and ideas:

- The group was a bit concerned that the CFAC section in Kudos might be buried or tagged onto the newsletter, so thought was given to possibly asking if a table of contents could be added to the left margin such that faculty could see and reach the items of interest in a more streamlined way
- The committee briefly discussed the pros and cons of having a separate clinical faculty publication versus being included in Kudos, and ultimately agreed that that a unified publication that joins clinical and research was an important visual and show of solidarity
- In terms of content, the group discussed highlighting a different clinical department monthly and asking the corresponding CFAC member to be responsible for the submission. Ideas for content ranged from highlighting teaching awardees, appointments of note for clinical faculty (medical societies, review boards, guideline committees, etc), major clinical publications (statements, clinical guidelines), clinical research projects, etc.

9. Proposal for separate academic department of Anesthesiology
Dean Sharon Rounds discussed a proposal for the creation of a separate academic Anesthesiology department and asked the committee whether or not they supported the proposal; the CFAC members were very supportive.

**Action items**

1. Dr. Nici will investigate opportunities to list clinical accomplishments in the Dean’s Kudos newsletter and RIMS newsletter.
2. Abbey will send reminder emails to departments requesting Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Awards nominations.
3. Abbey will send Dr. Cummings clinical faculty photos for RIMS newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2018.