Members present: Drs. Gracias, Aisner, Gartenberg (for Brewer), Cadoff, Cuccurullo, Dhib-Jalbut, Thakker-Varia (for Dreyfus), Gatt, Goodell, Hegyi, Yue (for Haffty), Elsemra (for Kim), Kipen, Lee, Nosher, Pine, Rosen, Scardella, Tallia, Walworth, Whitley-Williams

Also present: Drs. Escobar, Gelinas, Kelly, Kostis, McCathern, Rabson, Stock, Swee, and Mr. Prodoehl

Members not present: Drs. Bachmann, DiCicco-Bloom, Eisenstein, Fratzola, Green, Menza, Rao,

1. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2014
   - The minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. A new and practical approach for treating type 2 diabetes – Shengkan “Victor” Jin, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology provided an overview of his recent work published on Nature Medicine, which focuses on the discovery of a new practical approach for treating type 2 diabetes. A brief question and answer session followed the presentation. Dr. Gracias thanked Dr. Jin for giving the presentation

3. Dean’s report – Vicente H. Gracias, MD, Interim Dean
   Announcements:
   - During September and October, Dr. Melvin Weinstein, Dr. Mafudia Suaray, Dr. Amisha Malhotra and Dr. Patricia Whitley-Williams, gave interviews on Ebola and Enterovirus. Articles appeared in the NY Times, The Star-Ledger and NJ.com, The Home News/Tribune and mycentraljersey.com, Asbury Park Press, and the The Daily Targum, as well as local radio programs and online news outlets.
   - Dr. Barbara Ostfeld gave an expert interview with the NY Times on a new study from Children’s Mercy in Kansas, detailing the risk of putting infants to sleep on a sofa. In addition, an article by Dr. Ostfeld and Dr. Tom Hegyi, “The Role of the EMS Provider in Promoting Safe Infant Sleep to Reduce Infant Mortality,” was selected by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services as the Article of the Month in October (SIDS Awareness Month) for the EMS for Children’s Program.
   - Jackie Cornell-Bechelli, newly-appointed Regional Director of HHS Region II, which includes the State of New Jersey, held a press conference at the Eric B. Chandler Health Center, on the new enrollment period under the ACA. Ms. Cornell-Bechelli, along with colleagues from the State Department of Health, toured the center following the announcement.
   - The October issue of Genetics featured an article by Dr. Susan Brooks and colleagues at Duke University, who identified the cause of a single-family disorder. Research in zebrafish helped to identify the cause of the unknown genetic disorder affecting a boy and two of his uncles.
   - During the month of September, there were approximately 6,005 patients seen in the Emergency Department. Of the 6,005, there were 1,752 admitted to RJWUH from the ED. September, 2014 volumes show an increase of 3.84% in comparison to the last FYTD.

4. Old Business
   Search Committee Status:
   - Chair, Department of Medicine – Final Candidate has been selected, Negotiations pending
   - Chair, Department of Surgery – On Hold
   - Chair, Department of Dermatology – On Hold
   - Chair, Emergency Medicine – Candidates are being reviewed
5. New Business

- Vicente H. Gracias, MD, Interim Dean, presented a formal request to establish the Department of Neurological Surgery within the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
  
  A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

- Vicente H. Gracias, MD, Interim Dean, presented a formal request to establish the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery within the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
  
  A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

- Anthony T. Scardella, MD, Professor & Interim Chairman, Department of Medicine, presented a formal request to establish a Division of Blood and Marrow Transplantation within the Department of Medicine at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
  
  A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

- Anthony T. Scardella, MD, Professor & Interim Chairman, Department of Medicine, presented a formal request to establish a Section of Cancer Biology within the Department of Medicine/Division of Medical Oncology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
  
  A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Upcoming Events:

- **December 3, 2014 - 5:30 PM**
  Annual Global Health Fair
  In collaboration with Rutgers Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs
  Arline and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard
  Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
  One Robert Johnson Place - New Brunswick
  **Speaker:** Merrill Singer, PhD
  Senior Research Scientist
  Center for Health, Intervention and Prevention
  Professor, Department of Anthropology
  University of Connecticut
  **Topic:** Syndemics in the Context of Changing Global and Planetary Health
  For more information contact: rozaricm@rutgers.edu

- **December 8, 2014 - 12:30 PM**
  Dean's Faculty Meeting
  Dean's Conference Room 123
  675 Hoes Lane West - Piscataway, NJ
  v-tel to Conference Room 1302
  Clinical Academic Building
  125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ
  For more information contact: ruthe.geardino@rutgers.edu

- **January 13, 2015 - 6:30 PM**
  27th Annual Career Night
  Great Hall
  Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
  675 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, NJ
  For more information contact: ribnerrs@rwjms.rutgers.edu

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Hatcher
Office of the Dean