Executive Council
January 22, 2015, 3:00 PM
CAB 1302 – New Brunswick

MINUTES

Members present: Drs. Gracias, Bachmann, Brewer, Cuccurullo, Dhib-Jalbut, Dreyfus, Gatt, Goodell, Yue (for Haffty), Hegyi, Kim, Kipen, Lee, Menza, Nosher, Pine, Scardella, Walworth, Scanlin (for Whitley-Williams)

Also present: Drs. Escobar, Gelinas, Kelly, Rabson, Stock, Swee, Terregino, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Prodoehl

Members not present: Drs. Aisner, DiCicco-Bloom, Eisenstein, Fratzola, Green, Rao, Rosen, Tallia

1. Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2014
   • The minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Seeking Mechanisms of Air Pollution Lethality: from Piscataway to Peking – Howard M. Kipen, MD, MPH, Interim Chair and Professor of Environmental and Occupational Medicine, Acting Associate Director, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, Chief, Clinical Research and Occupational Medicine Division provided an overview of his research focused on the study of pathophysiologic pathways linking air pollution and adverse cardio-respiratory outcomes. A robust question and answer session followed the presentation. Dr. Gracias thanked Dr. Kipen for giving the presentation.

3. Dean’s report – Vicente H. Gracias, MD, Interim Dean
   Because the Faculty Meeting was held just prior to the Executive Council Meeting, the dean deferred itemizing the Dean’s Report. The following represents the information contained in the January report:

   Announcements:
   • During November, there were 5,390 patients seen in the Emergency Department, 1,718 of which were admitted to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.
   • One heart transplant and four TAVR surgeries were performed by Cardiothoracic Surgery during November.
   • Four kidney transplants and one pancreas transplant were performed during November.
   • The Robert Wood Johnson Medical Group is responsible for 61.9 percent of patient discharges at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.
   • As part of the Ambulatory Access Improvement Project RWJMS engaged with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care Center’s Call Center to receiving scheduling calls. On December 1, 2014 UBHC began scheduling appointments for Medicine, Neurology and Cardiology patients. Within the next few days scheduling will begin for Surgery and OB/GYN. Within the next few months, all calls including off site locations, will be transferred to the call center.
   • The Dept. of OB/GYN/Reproductive Sciences has been recognized nationally for its work in advancing maternal safety during the childbirth process. In collaboration with the Tara Hansen Foundation and the RWJUH, in addition to sponsoring a national symposium on the topic, a white paper has also been produced on this topic. This publication will be distributed throughout the country. The Rutgers RWJMS Safe Pregnancy campaign, which is titled “Stop, Look and Listen”, was recently published in the premier journal for the specialty, Obstetrics and Gynecology.
   • The medical school is in the final stage of negotiating an extension to our current Horizon contract with a percentage increase over our current rate. It is working with Horizon through Rutgers Partners to develop a pilot population management program.
   • The medical school is working with New Jersey Medical School on a federal program called Upper
Payment Limit (UPL). This program reimburses academic practices who care for Medicaid patients at rates equivalent to the highest rate paid by private managed care companies.

- Tiger Text for secure texting has been implemented throughout the practice. TigerText messages are encrypted for HIPAA COMPLIANCE and will self-destruct after a preset period of time. TigerText communicates across devices so you can use your mobile phone, tablet, or laptop to send secure messages to any email or mobile number. To date, 330 users have logged into TigerText thus far. Total of 2,517 messages which were sent from 171 Users along with 223 Recipients.

- Neuroscience and cell biology professor Federico Sesti, PhD, is one of Seven Rutgers Professors to Receive a Fulbright Grant for Research and Teaching Abroad. Dr. Sesti will travel to Bangalore, India, to find out how to slow down mental decline as the body ages. Sesti, a leader in aging research, believes that organisms age because cells accumulate oxidized material – including potassium.

- The Star-Ledger ran an article on Jan. 2, about Psy-feld, Dr. Tobia’s didactic course for the third-year psychiatry clerkship. The Associated Press (AP) issued a story as a result, which has been reprinted internationally, including by USA Today and the NY Times. Dr. Tobia and his class have been interviewed by major TV news programs in New York and Philadelphia, and appeared on the TODAY show on Saturday, January 17. The story has interestingly crossed media genres, appearing in Cinema Blend and MTV.com, and Dr. Tobia has been interviewed numerous times on live radio, including at least three sports talk shows. TIME magazine and AMSA’s The New Physician also ran unique articles about the class.

4. New Business
Executive Council members are strongly encouraged to nominate Jr. Faculty for participation in the Education Faculty Development Sessions. A robust discussion was had and it was strongly suggested that Education Faculty Development Session dates be established and released a year in advance. The following motion was made:

“Investigate the possibility of mandating participation in faculty development requiring all in course, clerkship and leadership roles and those in major teaching and mentoring roles be required to participate.”

Drs. Kelly and Swee will take the lead on developing a team and provide a proposal to the council at a later date.

5. Old Business
Search Committee Status:
- Chair, Department of Medicine
- Chair, Department of Surgery
- Chair, Department of Dermatology
- Chair, Emergency Medicine

6. Upcoming Events:

February 7, 2015 - 10:00 AM
Central New Jersey Regional Brain Bee Competition
An Invitation to High School Students Grades 9 - 12
Hosted by the Department of Neuroscience and Cell Biology
Great Hall
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
675 Hoes Lane West - Piscataway, NJ

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Hatcher
Office of the Dean