Executive Council
September 24, 2015, 4:00 PM
Dean’s Conference Room – Piscataway

MINUTES

Members present: Drs. Bachmann, Brewer, Cuccurullo, Dhib-Jalbut, Dreyfus, Eisenstein, Goodell, Kim, Lee, Levine, Menza, Pilch, Pine, Rosen, Roth, Tallia, Walworth, Scanlin (for Whitely-Williams), Wondisford

Also present: Drs. Barone, Gelinas, Jahn, Kelly, McCathern, Rabson, Radovick, Stock, Swee, Terregino, and Mr. Prodoehl

Members not present: Drs. Bershad, DiPaola, Hansen, Escobar, Fratzola, Gatt, Gabriel, Green, Hegyi, Kipen Kostis, Kountz, Laumbach, Mesisca, Millonig, Nosher, Rao, Walker, Yue (for Haffty),

1. Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2015
   - The minutes of the July 23, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Developing a Novel Treatment for Parkinson’s disease – M Maral Mouradain, MD. William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology. Director, Center for Neurodegenerative and Neuroimmunologic Diseases. Director of Research, Department of Neurology, she presented her research into the development of a new treatment for common complications of the standard therapy for Parkinson’s disease.

3. Dean’s report – Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc.
   Dr. Carol Terregino deputized for Dr. Gabriel who was absent. Dr. Terregino introduced Dr. Joseph Barone, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs.
   Dr. Terregino provided an update on the Chair searches.

   The following represents the information contained in the Dean’s report which was not discussed in detail at the meeting

HIGHLIGHTS
Congratulations to the 63 physicians in our clinical practice who were recognized in the 2015-2016 Best Doctors in America® List—representing the top 5 percent of physicians nationwide, according to peer review. From primary care to the most highly specialized areas of medicine, our physicians were noted for their exceptional care. In many cases, they were among the only physicians in the state who were recognized for their particular areas of expertise.

Dr. Martha Lansing, associate professor and vice chair of family medicine and community health has been named the Family Physician of the Year by the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians. Chosen for her commitment to improving the quality of life for patients and for members of the community, Dr. Lansing qualifies as a nominee for the national Family Physician of the Year award.

Dr. Naomi Schlesinger has been selected as the Rheumatologist of the Year by the New Jersey Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. The Awards Gala will be held on Saturday, October 24 at Maritime Park in Jersey City.
Dr. Judith Neubauer, associate vice president for research regulatory affairs, Office of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development, and professor of medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, has been named to the inaugural class of Fellows of The American Physiological Society.

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Eric B. Chandler Health Center hosted the Good Health and Wellness Fair on August 13, 2015 as part of a national, week-long campaign to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America’s health centers. Free blood pressure, blood sugar, lead and skin cancer screenings were available for adults along with body mass index and body fat calculations and free, confidential HIV testing.

The Eric B. Chandler Health Center also received $36,698 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the health center quality leader category. Selection criteria included achieving the best overall clinical outcomes among all health centers, demonstrating a dedication to quality in all aspects of clinical operations. Overall, 389 health centers received funding in this category for approximately $13.8 million.

FROM THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH

Since June, eight research grants have been received totaling $5,863,689.00.

Dr. Peter Lobel, professor, biochemistry and molecular biology and Center for Advanced Biotechnology and together with Dr. Hong Li, associate professor, microbiology, biochemistry, and molecular genetics, and director, Center for Advanced Proteomics Research at New Jersey Medical School, were awarded a four-year P30 award from the NIH as dual-PIs for “Rutgers Mass Spectrometry Center for Integrative Neuroscience Research” for $2,544,000.

Dr. Lobel also received a one-year $50,000 grant from the Batten Disease Foundation to advance his work on “Crossing the Blood Brain Barrier: Enzyme Replacement Therapy for LINCL (CLN2)”.

Dr. Huaye Zhang, assistant professor, neuroscience and cell biology was awarded a five-year R01 grant from the NIH to study “Polarity determinants in synaptic stability and plasticity” for $1,716,550.

Dr. Monica Roth, professor of pharmacology, received a two-year R21 grant from the NIH to study “Targeted delivery of Cas9/gRNA directed to HIV latent/persistent cells” in the amount of $431,350.

Dr. Jeanne Ferrante, associate professor, family medicine and community health, was awarded a two-year R21 grant from the NIH to study “Virtual Weight Loss for African-American Breast Cancer Survivors” in the amount of $380,407, a randomized controlled trial to test the feasibility of using a free online weight loss program in African-American breast cancer survivors to determine effect size changes in outcomes and potential mediators.

Na Cai, a doctoral candidate in the laboratory of Dr. Loren W. Runnels, associate professor of pharmacology, received a two-year pre-doctoral fellowship from the American Heart Association to study the “Regulation of TRPM7 channel kinase by 14-3-3 proteins” for $46,000.

Dr. M. Maral Mouradian, the William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology is the recipient of an Innovation Grant of $50,000 from the New Jersey Health Foundation and Nicholson Foundation to support advancement toward commercialization of innovative ideas that have potential to improve health, for her study of “microRNA-7 as a Therapeutic for Parkinson’s Disease”.

Dr. Huizhou Fan, associate professor of pharmacology received a two-year award from the Charles and Johanna Busch Memorial Fund, together with co-PI Bryce Nickels, associate professor, Genetics at the School of Arts and Sciences, and Waksman Institute of Microbiology, for “Systematic analysis of transcription in the human pathogen Chlamydia trachomatis” for $40,000.
Leonardo Valdividso-Torres, a biochemistry and molecular biology doctoral candidate in the laboratory of Dr. Monica Roth, professor of pharmacology, published an article in *ASBMB Today* on his interest in promoting scientist interactions with the public and the public’s perception of science, entitled: “The truth goes only so far” advocating that scientists need to do more to increase scientific literacy in their communities.

Dr. Josh Vieth, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Derek Sant’Angelo, professor of pediatrics at the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, was appointed an American Association of Immunology Public Policy Fellow for 2015-2016.

Dr. Deborah Spitalnik, professor of pediatrics and executive director of The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, is the principal investigator of an award totaling $384,382 from the Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism. The project, titled *Exploring the experiences of diverse families of children newly diagnosed with ASD in New Jersey*, was announced by First Lady Mary Pat Christie, Health Commissioner Mary E. O’Dowd, and members of the Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism.

Dr. Thomas Hegyi, professor and vice chair of pediatrics and Medical Director of the SIDS Center of New Jersey and Dr. Barbara Ostfeld, professor of pediatrics, and program director of the SIDS Center, received a renewed grant of $221,000 from the New Jersey Department of Health to advance the mission of the center. The program offers bereavement support, conducts research on sudden unexpected infant deaths and provides risk-reducing education programs for providers and the general public.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

The school matriculated 190 first-year medical students, the largest class in the history of the school, and not expected with a much stronger yield of matriculating to accepted students. Twenty-two are out of state residents. The class includes the first in the nation PharmD/MD dual degree students (three) and eight students from the articulated Rutgers BA/MD program. Additionally, the school’s pipeline for disadvantaged students remains strong with 10 new Access Med students. The class’ GPA and MCAT scores are at the national average.

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December-January: Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology
February-July: OB and Surgery were added
UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 29, 2015 - 12:00 noon

Dr. Kenneth S. and Audrey S. Gould Lecture in Molecular and Cellular Medicine

Conference Room 3101

Child Health Institute of New Jersey

89 French Street - New Brunswick, NJ

Speaker. Ian Lipkin, MD

John Snow Professor of Epidemiology

Director, Center for Infection and Immunity

Mailman School of Public Health

Professor of Pathology and Neurology

College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York
November 20, 2015 - 6:00 PM

HIPHOP-Promise Clinic 10th Year Anniversary
Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University
71 Hamilton Street, New Brunswick, NJ

December 10, 2015 - 5:30 PM

Global Health Fair
Arlene and Henry Schwartzmann Courtyard
Robert Wood University Hospital
One Robert Wood Johnson Place - New Brunswick, NJ

OLD BUSINESS

Carol Terregino MD, Senior Associate Dean for Education shared the Graduate Questionnaire results with the committee. There was discussion around the questionnaire from various committee members. Dr. Terregino will be working with the committee to determine ways to improve the scores in the future.

New BUSINESS

None

There being no additional business for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Anderson
Office of the Dean