1. The minutes of the February 7, 2011 and the Special Faculty meeting held on March 3, 2011 were approved.

2. **Dean's report** - Dean Peter Amenta. Dr. Amenta announced the following awards and events:

   - Matthew Menza, MD has been appointed Chair, Department of Psychiatry at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (pending the approval of the UMDNJ Board of Trustees). Dr. Menza is a Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Neurology. He has served as Interim Chair, Department of Psychiatry since November of 2007
April 2, 2011 we held the RWJMS Scholarship Gala to Celebrate with Alumni and Friends. Thanks were given all who attended for their support of our students.

Congratulations to Estela Jacinto, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics has been named as one of 13 young scientists to share a grant from ‘Stand up to Cancer’. Dr. Jacinto is being recognized for her work in “Targeting Protein Quality Control for Protein Therapy”.

Congratulations to Noah Weisleder, PhD, Assistant Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, who is the recipient of the 2011 Kauffman Foundation Outstanding Postdoctoral Entrepreneur Award for his postdoctoral research conducted through TRIM-edicine.

Four RWJMS students have been elected to national leadership positions with the American Medical Student Association (AMSA):
  o Danielle Salovich, a fourth year medical student, was elected as National President for 2011-2012
  o Shazia Mehmood, a third year student, was elected as Vice President for Leadership Development for 2011-2012
  o Pheobe Askie, a second year student, was elected as one of AMSA’s Regional Directors
  o Luming Li, a first year medical student, was elected as AMSA’s National Global Health Chair

Other Items

  • Searches continue for the Chair for DEOM, the leadership EOHSI, as well as the Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
  • A search for the Chair of Pediatrics will begin in the next several weeks
  • We expect that the Governor’s UMDNJ Advisory Panel will be visiting our campuses in the near future

Upcoming Events

  • **14th Annual Mates David and Hinna Stahl Memorial Lecture in Bioethics** – May 2, 2011 - 4 PM
    (Clinical Academic Building 1302)- Speaker: Robert M. Veatch, PhD, Professor of Ethics, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University
  • **Graduation Banquet** – May 19, 2011 – 6:30 PM (The Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village)
  • **Class of 2011 Convocation** - May 23, 2011 - 7 PM
    The State Theatre- New Brunswick, NJ
  • **Class of 2011 Commencement** – May 25, 2011 – Izod Center
  • **Dean’s Golf Outing** – June 18, 2011
  • **White Coat Ceremony** – August 5 – 2:00PM (Arlene and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard)
3. **Retiring Faculty Awards** – Dean Peter Amenta thanked each of the retirees for their substantive contributions and expressed great appreciation for all their efforts, including all of the advice that they have given him. Each retiree was presented with a plaque by Dean Amenta. The following is a list of this academic year’s retirees:

- Barbara Brodsky, PhD, Professor, Biochemistry
- Michael Leibowitz MD, PhD Professor and Executive Director, Graduate Academic Diversity at GSBS and Director, Graduate Academic Diversity at RWJMS Molecular Genetics, Microbiology, & Immunology
- John Lenard, PhD, Professor, Physiology & Biophysics
- Paul Malatesta, DVM, Associate Professor and Director, Vivarium Surgery
- Richard Nowakowski, PhD, Professor, Neuroscience & Cell Biology
- Susan Rosenthal, MD, Clinical Professor & Associate Dean, Medical Education at JSUMC Pediatrics
- David Seiden, PhD, Professor & Associate Dean, Student Affairs Neuroscience & Cell Biology
- John Semmlow, PhD, Professor, Surgery
- Nancy Stevenson, PhD Professor, Physiology & Biophysics
- Victor Stollar, MD, Professor, Molecular Genetics, Microbiology & Immunology
- Frank Wilson, PhD, Professor, Neuroscience & Cell Biology
- Donald Wolff, PhD, Professor, Pharmacology

4. **Update on the RWJMS Faculty Council** – Alan Spotnitz, Secretary of the Faculty announced that the Faculty Council now exists; the election of the executive officers has been completed. Nancy Walworth will be the President, John Walker, Vice President, and Monica Roth will serve as Secretary. Because of the staggering of the terms of office for the Faculty Council it was decided the executive officers would serve for one year.

Nancy Walworth stated that they will immediately start setting up regular meetings and review the minutes from the special faculty meeting held on March 31, 2011. The top priority will be to try to coordinate the gathering of the faculty’s opinion as it pertains to the possible merger between RWJMS and Rutgers. She reminded the Faculty that there many standing committee at RWJMS that have various responsibility and that the Faculty Council will be very careful not to infringe upon the other standing committees responsibilities.

5. **Nominations for Standing Committees** - Secretary of the Faculty, Alan Spotnitz. The Faculty were provided with the nominations by the Nominations and Elections Committee; additional nominations were invited from the floor for the following Standing Committees:

**Academic Standing Committee** - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Geza Kiss, Michael Matise, Serena Wong, Juana Hutchins-Colas, Mordechai Bermann, Anat Feingold and Joseph Fondell. Jan Wollack was nominated from the floor.

**Admissions Committee** - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Amanda Burden, Vijay Rajput, T.J. Thomas, Smita Patel, Kiran Chada, Lena Merjanian, Robert
Lebeau, Susannah Wise, Richard Selznick, Siobhan Corbett, Elizabeth Cerceo, Salma Jabbour, and Norma Saks. Dalya Chefitz, Emine Ercikan Abali, George Mulheron, Archana Pradhan and Robert Zachow were nominated from the floor.

Advisory Committee on Appointments and Promotions - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Robert Like, Alann Solina, Nancy Fiedler, David Swee, Lawrence Golbe, John Pintar, and Roland Schwarting. There were no nominations from the floor.

Curriculum Committee - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated David Weissmann, Thomas Kirn, Alan Spotnitz, Shabbar Danish, Eric Kupersmith, and Nancy Woychik. There were no nominations from the floor.

Executive Council - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Thomas Scanlin, Kiran Chada, Kiran Madura, and Monica Roth. There were no nominations from the floor.

Nominations and Elections Committee - There were no nominations from the floor.

Research Committee - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Beatrice Haimovich, Anna Petrova, Zhiyuan Shen, Ramsey Foty, Jianjie Ma, Federico Sesti, and Yacov Ron. Jill Williams was nominated from the floor.

Rules of Procedure - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Kiron Das, Rachana Tyagi, Ramsey Foty, George Batsides, Elliot Bodofsky and Mark Stein.

5. Dr. Amenta asked for new business, and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Spotnitz
Secretary of the Faculty