MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology:
Biochemistry: Drs. Abali, Gelinas, Hampsey, Roth, Stock
Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine: Drs. Eisenstein, Rajiv
Environmental and Occupational Medicine: Drs. Gochfeld, Kipen, Laumbach, Udasin
Family Medicine: Dr. Jahn, Risimini, Swee
Medicine: Dr. Bhowmick, Coromilas, Hunt, Kostis, Lu-Yao, Mehan, Philipp, Pine, Steinberg, Terregino, Thomas, Trontell, Walker
Molecular Genetics, Microbiology, and Immunology: Drs. Brewer, Copeland, Kinzy, Langer, Li
Neurology: Drs. Golbe
Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Drs. DiCicco-Bloom, Dreyfus, Millonig, Pintar, Suss, Varia
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences: Drs. Bachmann, Ebert, Lu
Ophthalmology:
Orthopaedic Surgery:
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: Drs. Amenta, Aviv, Barnard, Cadoff, Fyfe-Kirschner, Kramer, Kuriyan, Rhodes, Tenorio, Wadsworth
Pediatrics: Drs. Hegyi, Knox, Lentzner, Marone, Masterson, Petrova, Ramagopal, Uppaluri
Pharmacology: Dr. Walworth
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation:
Physiology and Biophysics: Dr. Fan
Psychiatry: Dr. Manowitz
Radiation Oncology:
Radiology:
Surgery: Drs. Calvano, Dombrovskiy, Goldsmith, Graham, Haimovich, Lattime, Spotnitz

1. The minutes of the October 19, 2011 Faculty meeting were approved.

2. Dean's report - Dean Peter Amenta. Dr. Amenta reported following announcements, awards and events:
RWJMS

- The Boxer Lecture was held on November 14, 2011. Dr. Elaine Fuchs, Rebecca C. Lancefield Professor and Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute was the speaker. Thanks to the RWJMS Research Committee for hosting this year’s event.

- Last month, RWJMS hosted Senator Frank Lautenberg and Congressman Frank Pallone as they unveiled legislation designed to find a cure and raise awareness about sudden unexplained infant deaths and stillbirths. The Stillbirth and SUID Prevention, Education and Awareness Act would expand current data-collection activities to identify the causes of stillbirth and ways to prevent it in the future.

Appointments

- Robert Eisenstein, MD had been appointed as Interim Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, pending the approval of the UMDNJ Board of Trustees. Dr. Eisenstein is currently Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Emergency Medicine, UMDNJ-RWJMS. Dr. Eisenstein is succeeding Dr. Michael Chansky who has served as Chair since January 19, 2000. We are extremely appreciative of Dr. Chansky for his efforts on behalf of the Department of Emergency Medicine over the past eleven years. Please join me in extending all best wishes to Dr. Chansky as he assists the leadership at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in establishing the new Medical School and their new Department of Emergency Medicine.

Awards and Recognition

- Rajesh Geria, MD, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and Director of the Emergency Ultrasound Program at RWJMS, was elected Chair-Elect of the Emergency Ultrasound Section of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

- The New Jersey Ad Club awarded RWJMS Second Place in the full page, color newspaper advertisement category for 2010 for the RWJMG Monroe advertisement.

- The following are the 2011 Dean’s Research Awards Winners. The purpose of these awards is to honor a few of the many outstanding researchers here at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. They are as follows:
  - Rahul Parikh, MD – Resident Category
  - Konstantin Balashov, MD, PhD – Clinical Faculty Category
  - Christopher Barbieri, PhD – Postdoctoral Fellow Category
  - Chang Chih-Wu – Graduate Student Category
  - Alex G. Ryazanov, PhD, DSc, PhD – Basic Science Faculty Category
  - Aileen Arriola – Medical Student
Research

- Hatem Sabaawy, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine and his research team have a publication in *Stem Cells and Development* titled, “Developmental Regulation of TAC1 in Peptidergic-Induced Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells: Implication for Spinal Cord Injury in Zebra Fish”. The study found that adult human mesenchymal stem cells may have an important role in the treatment and repair of spinal cord injuries. Their results showed that mesenchymal stem cell therapy not only augments recovery after spinal cord injury, but also accelerates the recovery time.

Upcoming Events

- November 21 – December 13, 2011 – Annual Toy Drive
- January 13, 2012– Annual Winter Reception for Accepted Students – 1:00 PM (Arline and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard in New Brunswick)
- January 17, 2012–24th Annual Alumni Association’s Career Night – 6:30 PM (Great Hall in Piscataway)
- April 21, 2012 - RWJMS Alumni Gala (The Heldrich, New Brunswick)

Other Business

- The RWJMS Appointments and Promotions Committee has recommended a number of changes in the “Policies and Guidelines Governing Appointments, Promotions, and Professional Activities of the Full-Time Faculty of the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School”. These recommendations will be submitted to the Department Chairs for review and comment. These recommendations will then be put before the faculty for discussion and formal vote.
- The RWJMS Rules and Procedures Committee have recommended that James Alexander, MD, Adjunct Associate Professor of Surgery be granted voting faculty status with a qualified academic title. The Dean has accepted their recommendation.

4. RWJMS Faculty Council Report – Nancy Walworth

Faculty Council website has been established it is located on the RWJMS Faculty web page and will contain meeting minutes, recommendations to the Dean, as well as other related links; i.e. Faculty Council membership list and reports to Faculty Meetings. This is also a link to the Executive Council Minutes.

- Election of RWJMS Senators to UMDNJ Faculty Senate has been completed; thanks to Faculty Secretary Alan Spotnitz, Nominations and Elections Committee, Ruthe Geardino, and the Faculty for voting
One Senator will be appointed from Faculty Council, the following six Senators have been elected by the Faculty from RWJMS:

- Lawrence Golbe, Professor, Neurology
- Sarah Hitchcock-DeGregori, Neuroscience & Cell Biology
- Jeffrey Laskin, Professor, Environmental & Occupational Medicine
- Catherine Monteleone, Associate Professor, Medicine
- Amy Pappert, Assistant Professor, Dermatology
- Donald Winkelmann, Professor, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

• The Faculty Council was invited to meet with Rutgers University New Brunswick Faculty Council Executive Committee. Seven members of the RWJMS Faculty Council were able to attend this meeting held on Friday, December 2, 2011. An overview of the governance structure of Rutgers was given and these committees will be working together to discuss how to integrate faculty governance structures at RWJMS and Rutgers.

• Rutgers has a website [http://medicaleducation.rutgers.edu/](http://medicaleducation.rutgers.edu/), Rutgers and Medical Education in New Jersey Rutgers and has appointed Interim Provost for Biomedical and Health Sciences Christopher J. Molloy, PhD, RPh more information is available on their website.

• The next Faculty Council Meeting will be held on December 13, 2011 5 p.m., CAB 1302 New Brunswick, V-tel to C-207 Piscataway.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Spotnitz
Secretary of the Faculty