MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology:
Biochemistry Molecular Biology: Drs. Brewer, Erickan Abali, Gelas, Stock
Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine: Dr. Geib
Environmental and Occupational Medicine: Drs. Kipen, Laumbach, Udasin, Weisel
Family Medicine: Drs. Jahn, Like, Pellerano, Risimini, Swee, Tallia
Medicine: Drs. Das, Magliocco, Scardella, Thekkumkat, Terregino, Trontell
Neurology: Drs. Dhib-Jalbut, Golbe, McKinney, Mouradian, Sonsalla
Neuroscience and Cell Biology:
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences: Drs. Bachmann, Ebert
Ophthalmology:
Orthopaedic Surgery:
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: Drs. Amenta, Cadoff, Hitchcock, Kramer, Rhodes, Tenorio, Winkelmann, Zhong
Pediatrics: Drs. Brooks, Kelly
Pharmacology: Drs. Langer, Rabson, Roth, Walworth
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation:
Psychiatry: Drs. Lebeau, Manowitz
Radiation Oncology:
Radiology:
Surgery: Drs. Calvano, Graham, Hsia, Spotnitz

1. The minutes of the August 23, 2012 Faculty meeting were approved.

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

- Alfred Tallia, MD, MPH, Professor and Chair of Family Medicine and Community Health, has been appointed to the Composite Committee of the United States Licensing Medical Examination (USMLE) Program. The Composite Committee is the governing committee of the USMLE program.

- Alan Spotnitz, MD, MPA, FACS has accepted a re-appointment as Secretary of the Faculty for another two years term.
• **Ranita Sharma, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine, has been selected for induction into the Stuart D. Cook, MD Master Educators’ Guild for UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School for academic year 2012-2013.

• **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** selected 73 primary-care practices and five health insurers in New Jersey to participate in a new federal program aimed at incentivizing the creation of a patient-centered health system to improve access to primary care at lower costs. **RWJMG Family Practice at Monument Square** has been included in the program. The practices were chosen to participate in the four-year program through a competitive application process that considered their use of health information technology and knowledge of advanced primary-care delivery models.

• **Suhayl S. Dhib-Jalbut, MD**, professor and chair of neurology, is being honored by the National MS Society, New Jersey Metro Chapter at their twelfth anniversary luncheon on September 20, 2012 at the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

• **Carol A. Terregino, MD ’86** associate professor of medicine, interim senior associate dean for education, has been named as one of the two national field secretaries for the Liaison Committee of Medical Education, the body that accredits allopathic medical schools in the United States.

• **Jag Sunderram, MD**, associate professor of medicine, has received a 4-year grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for his grant “Obstructive Sleep Apnea in World Trade Center Responders: Role of Nasal Pathology.”

• Dean Amenta acknowledged the exceptional support and service of the Office of Information Technology in support of all our mission areas.

  Specifically:
  - Support of the electronic medical record
  - The Academic Management Platform (AMP)
  - Video capture
  - Electronic voting

• The following are the 2011 Dean’s Research and Mentoring Award Winners. The purpose of these awards is to honor a few of the many outstanding researchers and mentors here at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. They are as follows:

  o **Nadine Housri, MD** – Resident Category
  o **Janice M. Mehnert, MD** - Clinical Faculty Category
  o **Bipasha Barua, PhD** – Postdoctoral Fellow Category
  o **Anand Ramanathan** – Graduate Student Category
  o **Nilay Sehthi** – Medical Student Category
  o **Cheryl Dreyfus, PhD** – Basic Science Mentoring Award
  o **M. Maral Mouradian, MD** – Clinical Science Mentoring Award
• The White Coat Ceremony for the RWJMS Class of 2016 was held on August 10th. This was yet another terrific event to celebrate our incoming students. Congratulations to all involved.

Upcoming Events

• **Dean’s New Faculty Orientation**  
  **September 24, 2012 – 4:30 p.m.**  
  Conference Room 1302  
  Clinical Academic Building – New Brunswick, NJ

• **Dr. Kenneth S. and Audrey S. Gould Lecture Series in Molecular and Cellular Medicine** – October 12, 2012 - 12:00PM (CHINJ 3101, New Brunswick)  
  o Speaker: **James R. Downing, MD**  
  Deputy Director and Executive Vice President  
  Associate Director of Basic Research, Cancer Center  
  St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

• **Tributes to Aaron Shatkin: Memorial and Symposium** – October 18 -19, 2012  
  o **Memorial** – October 18, 2012 – 6:00PM (Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick)  
  o **26th Annual CABM Symposium, “Advances in Biology and Medicine – A Tribute to Aaron Shatkin”** – October 19, 2012 – 8:30AM – 5:30PM (675 Hoes Lane, Piscataway)

• **Annual George and Lily Boxer Memorial Lecture - November 13, 2012**  
  Main Auditorium  
  Piscataway, NJ  
  Reception to follow in the Great Hall  
  Speaker: **Helen S. Mayberg, MD, FRCPC**  
  Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Neurology  
  Dorothy C. Fuqua Chair of Psychiatric Neuroimaging and Therapeutics  
  Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

• **Annual Global Health Fair - November 28, 2012 - 5:30 PM**  
  Arline and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital  
  One Robert Wood Johnson Place - New Brunswick, NJ

• **SAVE THE DATE:** 2013 Annual RWJMS Scholarship Gala - Saturday, April 27, 2013  
  Heldrich – New Brunswick
Other Business

- The RWJMS Rules and Procedures Committee is recommending that Sri-Sujanthy Rajaram, MD, adjunct assistant professor of medicine in Camden, have her voting faculty status with a qualified academic title be renewed for a period ending August 31, 2013. The Dean has accepted their recommendation.

3. RWJMS Admissions Report - Dr. Carol Terregino

The RWJMS Class of 2016 consists of the following:

- Includes 134 students, with 8 MD/PhD students; 6 Access Med students and 8 returning BA MD students
- Is 67% female
- Has an average age of 23 years, with students ranging from 20 years to 32 years of age
- Has 16% of the students born abroad, representing 13 different countries
- Has 17% of students from groups that are under-represented in medicine
- Hails from 60 different institutions, including 16% from the Ivy League and 19% from Rutgers University

4. RWJMS Faculty Council Report - Nancy Walworth, RWJMS Faculty Council President

The Council has not met since the Dean’s Special Faculty Meeting on August 23, 2012. As the report to the Faculty at the August 23 Special Faculty Meeting focused exclusively on activities of the Council in regard to the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act the report presented at the September regular faculty meeting summarized other activities of the Council in recent months and a review of issues discussed by the Council in its first year.

Over the course of its first year in existence:

- The Faculty Council urged that the implementation plan to reorganize the basic science departments resulting from the Laboratory Research Task Force (LRTF) report be discussed at an open forum with the Dean and that a V-tel connection be provided to encourage attendance on the part of faculty on both campuses. A forum was held on July 21, 2011 for this purpose in Piscataway with V-tel to New Brunswick.

- In light of the reorganization of the basic science departments, the Council urged that a task force be established to consider the impact of the reduction in the number of departments on the composition of standing committees. The Council was provided with the opportunity to recommend faculty for this task.

- At its October 2011 meeting the Council welcomed Dr. David August, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Appointments and Promotions to discuss revisions to the RWJMS Guidelines and the mechanisms by which promotion criteria are communicated to faculty. During the course of the year as revisions to the Guidelines were presented to and discussed at the
Executive Council, the Faculty Council urged that faculty be given the opportunity to provide input. Dr. August presented the guidelines at the August 23 Dean’s Special Faculty Meeting prior to their posting on the RWJMS website for comment.

- At its December 2011 meeting the Council welcomed Dr. Sunita Kramer, Chair of the Research Committee to discuss the mechanism by which new research policies for salary recovery, allocation of research space and indirect cost sharing had been considered by the Committee. The Council notes that the policies were implemented on March 1, 2012. The salary recovery policy has not been well-received by some faculty who are concerned that requirements for salary recovery will impact the use of grant funds for research support.

- At its May 2011 meeting the Council welcomed Dean Peter Amenta to discuss the growing demands on faculty effort in an era of diminished resources.

- Throughout the year the Council urged that steps be taken to improve communication between administration and faculty. The Council notes that positive steps have been taken, including the timely posting of minutes for Faculty Meetings and meetings of the Executive Council, the establishment of a website for the Faculty Council and the Dean’s willingness to meet regularly with the Council President and to attend Council meetings at the Council’s request.

- In response to concerns raised by faculty members about the implementation of online patient information through the RWJMG, the Council recommended in May 2012 that specific steps be taken to improve communication between the leadership and physicians of the Medical Group. These suggestions were implemented.

- Over the course of the year, the Council took multiple opportunities to communicate the views of the RWJMS faculty regarding the proposed merger of RWJMS (initially) and UMDNJ (eventually) with Rutgers. The Council synthesized faculty input and communicated these views to the Dean prior to the visit of the UMDNJ Advisory Committee in the summer of 2011. Once the Final Report of the Committee was released, the Council communicated support for the incorporation of RWJMS into Rutgers to the NJ Senate Higher Education Committee (February 3, 2012) and the joint meeting of the Assembly and Senate Higher Education Committees (March 15, 2012). Upon introduction to the legislature of the NJ Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act, the Council communicated support for the merger of RWJMS with Rutgers to the Senate Higher Education Committee (June 13, 2012). The Council further communicated to all NJ state legislators (June 20, 2012) and the Rutgers leadership that benefits to restructuring would best be accomplished with RWJMS reporting locally to Rutgers. Details of these communications in the summer of 2012 were summarized for the August 23, 2012 faculty meeting:
  
  http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/council/documents/FCReportToFacMtg082312.pdf

  Letters to the committees and legislators are posted on the Faculty Council website:
  
  http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/council/related.html

- The next meeting of the Faculty Council is pending the election of new members since terms for one-third of the members ended on August 31, 2012. Along with faculty elections to standing committees the election was delayed this year, but closed on September 21. Once Council vacancies are filled and officers can be elected for the coming year, a meeting date will
be announced. Meeting minutes, links to items of interest and Council reports to the Faculty can be found on the Faculty Council website at: http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/council/related.html

New Business

4. Dean Amenta asked for new business. Being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Spotnitz
Secretary of the Faculty