Minutes
RWJMS Faculty Council
November 18, 2014

Present: Drs. Aisner, Boruchoff, Brewer, Roth, Walworth,

Absent: Dr. Aiyers, Boyarsky, DiCicco-Bloom, Jacinto, Kiss, Pintar, Kim

Quorum was not met, so minutes of September meeting were not approved. The meeting was held in its absence.

Currently, there is not a slate for officers to be elected for the faculty council. The question of reviewing the policies regarding filling these positions was raised.

One problem discussed was that the clinical faculty has difficulty with the time and number of the meetings. It was suggested to return to the quarterly meetings rather than the monthly meetings.

It was brought up that the Research committee was discussing a survey that was sent within NJMS, regarding various issues including grants, students, translation money, and bridging money. The response rate to the survey was high and a follow-up survey was planned. The question was raised whether RWJMS would consider a similar survey. A copy of the survey will be provided for us to examine.

A second issue that RWJMS was facing was the high cost for the medical school to maintain the radioactive program. It was reported that RWJMS pays Rutgers approximately $600,000 a year for this service. Whereas previously there was a large number of faculty members routinely using radioactivity, current we have less than 40 faculty performing radioactive work. It was suggested that laboratories licensed, but not currently using radioactivity should consider inactivating their licenses. This is not terminating their license, but rather putting it in an inactive state, which can readily be reactivated when needed. This would cut down on the required monitoring and hopefully the cost charged to the medical school. The school is now trying to renegotiate the costs for these services.

It was suggested that the Dean attend our next meeting in January.