Members present: Drs. Gracias, Panter (for Aisner), Bachmann, Brewer, Cadoff, Cuccurullo, Dhib-Jalbut, Dreyfus, Eisenstein, Yue (for Haffty), Kipen, Lee, Menza, Pine, Walker (for Scardella), Tallia, Tobia, Walworth, Mr. Silver (for Whitley-Williams)

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

Members not present: Drs. DiCicco-Bloom, Fratzola, Gatt, Green, Hegyi, Kim, Laumbach, Nosher, Rao,

1. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2014
   • The minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Health and Aging Policy Fellowship Update and Geriatric Research at Rutgers – Fred Kobylarz, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine & Community Health – Geriatrics provided the council with a presentation on the Health and Aging Policy Fellowship and Geriatric Research at Rutgers. A brief question/answer period followed the presentation. Dr. Gracias thanked Dr. Kobylarz for his presentation.

3. Dean's report – Vicente H. Gracias, MD, Interim Dean
   Announcements:
   • Dr. Gracias noted that the first Robert Wood Johnson Medical School convocation since the integration with Rutgers took place on May 18, 2014. Dr. Gracias encourages all faculty to make attendance at future convocations a priority.
   • The SIDS Center is distributing nearly 1,800 copies of *Sleep Baby, Safe and Snug* by Dr. John Hutton to 11 hospitals located with New Jersey communities that have a higher rate of Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID), which include SIDS, as well as infant deaths due to accidental suffocation and infant deaths termed ill-defined with unknown causes. The hospitals will provide or recommend a copy of the book to help new parents establish safe sleeping practices to reduce the risk of SIDS for their infant.
   • Robert Wood Johnson Medical School was well represented at Rutgers Day on April 26 – the first time participating as an official school of Rutgers. There were 10 clinical and research programs represented in New Brunswick, 6 programs on the Busch Campus. In addition, we partnered with RWJUH to promote our neurosurgery programs where visitors were able to learn about and conduct brain surgery on jello molds.
   • Dr. Gracias proudly announces that the Department of Communications and Public Affairs of Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has won a Gold award for our last magazine issue of Robert Wood Johnson Medicine and a Silver award for our new view book.

Research Announcements:
• Dr. Benjamin Crabtree, professor and director of the Research Division of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, was honored with the 2014 Hames Research Award. Dr. Crabtree was chosen for the award along with his research partner, Dr. William Miller, based on the significance and continuous advancement of family medicine research and scholarship at all levels of the academic continuum. The Hames Research Award was presented during the 2014 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Program Reports – CMU:
• The third meeting of the Clinical Management Unit met on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Presentation was given by Joseph G. Barone, MD, MBA, Associate Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Urologic Surgery of Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will be the presenter.
4. **Old Business**

Search Committee Status:
- Chair, Department of Medicine – Final Candidates are being reviewed
- Chair, Department of Surgery – Final Candidates are being reviewed
- Chair, Department of Dermatology – Final Candidates are being reviewed
- Chair, Emergency Medicine – Candidates are being interviewed

5. **New Business**

- Dr. Scardella has requested to allow Dr. Melvin Weinstein to reduce his effort from full time to 88%, while retaining his full title and status as tenured professor, effective upon University approval. Dr. Weinstein will continue to fulfill the duties of Division Chief of Infectious Diseases, Allergy & Immunology and Director of the RWJUH Microbiology Laboratory.

The Council unanimously approved the motion.

**Upcoming Events:**

**June 9, 2014 - 6:00 PM**

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
General Faculty Meeting and Volunteer Faculty Awards

Conference Room 1302  
Clinical Academic Building  
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ

For more information, contact: ruthe.geardino@rutgers.edu

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Hatcher  
Office of the Dean