MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology:
Biochemistry Molecular Biology: Drs. Gelinas, Ercikan Abali
Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine: Drs. Eisenstein, Riggs-Fiesseler
Family Medicine: Drs. Jahn, Laumbach, Like, Pellerano, Swee
Medicine: Drs. Bhowmick, Boruchoff, Gabriel, Hussain, Jagpal, Mann, Naini, Pistun, Sonnenberg, Sunnderram, Terregino, Thomas, Weinstein, Willett, Wondisford
Neurology: Drs. Dhib-Jalbut, Golbe
Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Drs. DiCicco-Bloom, Suss
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences: Drs. Ayers, Ebert, Merjanian, Pradhan, Segal
Ophthalmology:
Orthopaedic Surgery:
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: Drs. Bhagavathi, Deen, Goodell, Kim
Pediatrics: Drs. Hegyi, Neal, Radovick
Pharmacology: Drs. Roth, Walworth
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation:
Psychiatry: Drs. Lebeau, Manowitz, Menza, Rashid, Saks
Radiation Oncology:
Radiology:
Surgery: Drs. Dombrovskiy, Kearney, Lattime

1. The minutes of the December 14, 2015 Faculty meeting were approved - Sherine Gabriel, Dean

2. Dean's report – Dean Sherine Gabriel presented the following comments:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The medical school's divisions of cardiothoracic surgery, cardiovascular disease and hypertension, and cardiac anesthesiology, have been selected as one of eight sites in the country to participate in an FDA-mandated, multi-center prospective study exploring the safety and efficacy of the Impella RP™ device. The school was selected as a result of the work of Dr. George P. Batsides, chief, section of cardiac surgery, who earlier this year
became the first in the state to implant the Impella RPTM -- the only right-sided percutaneous assist device on the market

• Dr. Ram Mani, assistant professor of neurology, has been selected for the 2015 Best of New Brunswick Award in the Physicians category by the New Brunswick Award Program, which recognizes local businesses and organizations and individuals that have shown the ability to use best practices and have implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

• Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Partners was listed as one of the "100 Accountable Care Organizations to Know" in the October 2015 issue of Becker's Hospital Review. RWJ Partners is jointly sponsored by Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

• Dr. Melvin Weinstein, professor of medicine, and pathology and laboratory medicine, is the co-author of "Effectiveness of Practices to Increase Timeliness of Providing Targeted Therapy for Inpatients with Bloodstream Infections: a Laboratory Medicine Best Practices Systematic Review and Meta-analysis," to be published in Clinical Microbiology Reviews on January 29, 2016.

• Melissa Cheplic, MPH, NADD-DDS, a training and consultation specialist for the Community Positive Behavior Supports project at The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, was honored with the NADD Member of the Year Award. The award recognizes a member who has supported the organization's mission and has made notable contributions to NADD, an association committed to individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health needs.

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

• On Saturday December 19, the Eric B. Chandler Health Center hosted a community holiday event. The center welcomed 250 families and distributed 575 toys, many of which were donated through the medical school's annual toy drive. Families also had the opportunity to have a picture taken with Santa Claus.

FROM THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

• Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has completed its first round of student acceptances from an applicant pool of 3,700 for the incoming class of 2016.

• The LCME reaccreditation process will begin during 2016 with an expected completion in the spring of 2018. The school will engage with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital to recruit task force and committee members shortly.
FROM THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH

- Dr. Deborah Spitalnik, executive director, The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, received an award totaling $4,393,241, over 2.75 years for professional services between the New Jersey Department of Education and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, supported by the Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

- Dr. William Johnson, professor of Neurology, received a 2-year $400,000 award from the NJ Department of Health to study: “Sulforaphane in autism. A treatment trial to confirm phenotypic improvement with sulforaphane treatment in a NJ population of individuals with autism.”

- Dr. Jill Williams, professor of psychiatry, received a three-year, $375,000 award for “Medication Assisted Treatment Outreach Program (MATOP)” from the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

- Dr. Jerry Cheng, assistant professor, medicine, was awarded a four-year $300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for “Exploiting Fine-grained Wi-Fi Signals for Wellbeing Monitoring”.

- Dr. Konstantin Balashov, associate professor, neurology, was awarded a one-year $50,000 pilot grant from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to study “IsomiR Regulation of B Cells in Multiple Sclerosis.”

- Heather McGowan, an MD/PhD student (left), and Apoorva Halikere, a doctoral student studying neuroscience at the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (right), have been featured by LabTV’s "The Human Faces of Medical Research" podcast series. They each are the recipient of a NIH (F31) training award funded by the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Fellowship and conducting research in the lab of Dr. Zhiping Pang, at the Child Health Institute of New Jersey.

FROM THE CLINICAL ENTERPRISE

- The following surgical services had volume growth for CY16: cardiac, general, gyn, neuro, ortho, peds, transplant, urology

- Huron Healthcare Corp will be starting a revenue cycle review the week of January 25

- Dr. Vicki Craig, MD, has been appointed Director of Medical Safety and Quality for RWJMG with an effective date of February 15, 2016
  - Dr. Craig is a certified professional in Health Care Quality by the National Association of Health Care Quality
From the Clinical Enterprise  (1= never; 5=always)

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REVENUES $159,290,000
EXPENSES $158,973,000
SURPLUS $317,000

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dean’s Town Hall Meetings

Thursday, January 14, 2016  2:30 PM
East Lecture Hall
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
675 Hoes Lane West
Piscataway, New Jersey

Tuesday, January 19, 2016  10:00 AM
Conference Room 1302
Clinical Academic Building
125 Paterson Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey
3. **2015 Candidates for the MD degree were unanimously approved** – Carol Terregino, MD - Senior Associate Dean for Education

4. **Richard A. Harvey, PhD Award in Innovative Teaching** – Dr. Carol Terregino, MD - Senior Associate Dean for Education

   The Professor Richard A. Harvey Excellence in Teaching Innovation Award was presented to Emine Ercikan Abali, Associate Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

5. **Faculty Council Report** – Monica Roth, Faculty Council President

   Summary of RWJMS FC meeting December 15, 2015 with invited guest Jeffrey Carson, MD, Provost.

   The Faculty were able to ask questions directly to Dr. Carson regarding assignment of the new Faculty Tracks.

   The topic of salary compression was again discussed.

   Minutes of prior Faculty Council Meetings may be viewed on the Council website. Faculty wishing to place items on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting may contact either Ruthe Geardino. ([Ruthe.Geardino@rutgers.edu](mailto:Ruthe.Geardino@rutgers.edu)), or Dr. Monica Roth [roth@rwjms.rutgers.edu](mailto:roth@rwjms.rutgers.edu)

**New Business**

6. Dean Gabriel asked for new business. Being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Walker
Secretary of the Faculty