MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology: Drs. Grayer,
Biochemistry Molecular Biology: Dr. Gelin, Copeland, Gartenberg, Stock, Zachow
Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine: Drs. Eisenstein, McCoy
Environmental and Occupational Medicine:
Family Medicine: Drs. Jahn, Like, Pellerano, Swee, Tallia
Medicine: Drs. Bhowmick, Boruchoff, Harpel, Hussain, Jagpal, Kaveney, Mehan, Philipp, Pistun, Scardella, Sonnenberg, Sunderram, Terregino, Thomas, Walker, Willett
Neurology: Drs. Balashov, Dhib-Jalbut, Mani, Mouradian, Sonsalla
Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Drs. DiCicco-Bloom, Dreyfus, Suss, Varia
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences: Drs. Balica, Pradhan, Verma
Ophthalmology:
Orthopaedic Surgery:
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: Drs. Aviv, Barnard, Goodell, Javidian, Wadsworth
Pediatrics: Drs. Drachtman, Knox, Pan, Radovick, Whitley-William, Patricia
Pharmacology: Drs. Fan, Rabson, Roth, Walworth
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: Drs. Cuccurullo, Dunn
Psychiatry: Drs. Ivelja, Lebeau, Kaufman, Menza, Rashid, Saks
Radiation Oncology:
Radiology:
Surgery: Drs. Chee, Corbett, Dombrovskiy, Eisenstat, Kennedy, Yi-Horng Lee, Lissauer, McKinnon, Pierre

1. The minutes of the May 4, 2015 Faculty meeting were approved - Sherine Gabriel, Dean

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the 63 physicians in our clinical practice who were recognized in the 2015-2016 Best Doctors in America® List—representing the top 5 percent of physicians nationwide, according to peer review. From primary care to the most highly specialized areas of medicine, our physicians were noted for their exceptional care. In many cases, they were among the only physicians in the state who were recognized for their particular areas of expertise.

Dr. Martha Lansing, associate professor and vice chair of family medicine and community health
has been named the Family Physician of the Year by the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians. Chosen for her commitment to improving the quality of life for patients and for members of the community, Dr. Lansing qualifies as a nominee for the national Family Physician of the Year award.

Dr. Naomi Schlesinger has been selected as the Rheumatologist of the Year by the New Jersey Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. The Awards Gala will be held on Saturday, October 24 at Maritime Park in Jersey City.

Dr. Judith Neubauer, associate vice president for research regulatory affairs, Office of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development, and professor of medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, has been named to the inaugural class of Fellows of The American Physiological Society.

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Eric B. Chandler Health Center hosted the Good Health and Wellness Fair on August 13, 2015 as part of a national, week long campaign to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America’s health centers. Free blood pressure, blood sugar, lead and skin cancer screenings were available for adults along with body mass index and body fat calculations and free, confidential HIV testing.

The Eric B. Chandler Health Center also received $36,698 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the health center quality leader category. Selection criteria included achieving the best overall clinical outcomes among all health centers, demonstrating a dedication to quality in all aspects of clinical operations. Overall, 389 health centers received funding in this category for approximately $13.8 million.

FROM THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH

Since June, eight research grants have been received totaling $5,863,689.00:

Dr. Peter Lobel, professor, biochemistry and molecular biology and Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, together with Dr. Hong Li, associate professor, microbiology, biochemistry, and molecular genetics, and director, Center for Advanced Proteomics Research at New Jersey Medical School, were awarded a four-year P30 award from the NIH as dual-PIs for “Rutgers Mass Spectrometry Center for Integrative Neuroscience Research” for $2,544,000.

Dr. Lobel also received a one-year $50,000 grant from the Batten Disease Foundation to advance his work on “Crossing the Blood Brain Barrier: Enzyme Replacement Therapy for LINCL (CLN2)”.

Dr. Huaye Zhang, assistant professor, neuroscience and cell biology was awarded a five-year R01 grant from the NIH to study “Polarity determinants in synaptic stability and plasticity” for $1,716,550.
Dr. Monica Roth, professor of pharmacology, received a two-year R21 grant from the NIH to study “Targeted delivery of Cas9/gRNA directed to HIV latent/persistent cells” in the amount of $431,350.

Dr. Jeanne Ferrante, associate professor, family medicine and community health, was awarded a two-year R21 grant from the NIH to study “Virtual Weight Loss for African-American Breast Cancer Survivors” in the amount of $380,407, a randomized controlled trial to test the feasibility of using a free online weight loss program in African-American breast cancer survivors to determine effect size changes in outcomes and potential mediators.

Na Cai, a doctoral candidate in the laboratory of Dr. Loren W. Runnels, associate professor of pharmacology, received a two-year pre-doctoral fellowship from the American Heart Association to study the “Regulation of TRPM7 channel kinase by 14-3-3 proteins” for $46,000.

Dr. M. Maral Mouradian, the William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology is the recipient of an Innovation Grant of $50,000 from the New Jersey Health Foundation and Nicholson Foundation to support advancement toward commercialization of innovative ideas that have potential to improve health, for her study of “microRNA-7 as a Therapeutic for Parkinson’s Disease”.

Dr. Huizhou Fan, associate professor of pharmacology received a two-year award from the Charles and Johanna Busch Memorial Fund, together with co-PI Bryce Nickels, associate professor, Genetics at the School of Arts and Sciences, and Waksman Institute of Microbiology, for “Systematic analysis of transcription in the human pathogen Chlamydia trachomatis” for $40,000.

Leonardo Valdividso-Torres, a biochemistry and molecular biology doctoral candidate in the laboratory of Dr. Monica Roth, professor of pharmacology, published an article in ASBMB Today on his interest in promoting scientist interactions with the public and the public’s perception of science, entitled: “The truth goes only so far” advocating that scientists need to do more to increase scientific literacy in their communities.

Dr. Josh Vieth, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Derek Sant’Angelo, professor of pediatrics at the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, was appointed an American Association of Immunology Public Policy Fellow for 2015-2016.

Dr. Deborah Spitalnik, professor of pediatrics and executive director of The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, is the principal investigator of an award totaling $384,382 from the Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism. The project, titled Exploring the experiences of diverse families of children newly diagnosed with ASD in New Jersey, was announced by First Lady Mary Pat Christie, Health Commissioner Mary E. O’Dowd, and members of the Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism.

Dr. Thomas Hegyi, professor and vice chair of pediatrics and Medical Director of the SIDS Center of New Jersey and Dr. Barbara Ostfeld, professor of pediatrics, and program director of the SIDS Center, received a renewed grant of $221,000 from the New Jersey Department of Health to advance the mission of the center. The program offers bereavement support, conducts research on sudden unexpected infant deaths and provides risk-reducing education programs for providers and the general public.
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December-January: Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology
February-July: OB and Surgery were added

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 29, 2015 - 12:00 noon  
Dr. Kenneth S. and Audrey S. Gould Lecture in Molecular and Cellular Medicine  
Conference Room 3101  
Child Health Institute of New Jersey  
89 French Street - New Brunswick, NJ

Speaker: W. Ian Lipkin, MD  
John Snow Professor of Epidemiology  
Director, Center for Infection and Immunity  
Mailman School of Public Health  
Professor of Pathology and Neurology  
College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York

November 20, 2015 - 6:00 PM  
HIPHOP-Promise Clinic 10th Year Anniversary  
Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University  
71 Hamilton Street, New Brunswick, NJ

December 10, 2015 - 5:30 PM  
Global Health Fair  
Arlene and Henry Schwartzmann Courtyard  
Robert Wood University Hospital  
One Robert Wood Johnson Place - New Brunswick, NJ

3. RWJMS Admissions Report - Dr. Carol Terregino  
The school matriculated 190 first-year medical students, the largest class in the history of the school. Twenty-two are out of state residents. The class includes the first in the nation PharmD/MD dual degree students (three) and eight students from the articulated Rutgers BA/MD program. Additionally, the school’s pipeline for disadvantaged students remains strong with 10 new Access Med students. The class’ GPA and MCAT scores are at the national average.

The RWJMS Class of 2019 consists of the following:

- RWJMS applications up 10% (4004), 607 interviews, yield of matriculants/acceptances 60%
- 4 MD/PhD students; 3 PharmD/MD; 8 Access Med students and 7 returning BA/MD students  
- 22 Out of State Students  
- Of the 190 students 55% are women  
- Average age of 23 years, with students ranging from 20 to 34 years of age  
- 15% of the students were born outside the United States, representing 16 different countries  
- 16% of students are from groups that are under-represented in medicine
4. **Nominations for Standing Committee** - Secretary of the Faculty, John Walker

Nominations were taken from the floor to fill two vacancies on the Nominations and Elections Committee

Nominated from the floor were: Gary Brewer, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Kiran Chada, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Joseph Fondell, Pharmacology; William Welsh, Professor, Pharmacology

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

Summary of the quarterly meeting held on August 11, 2015. Phil Mesisca was the invited speaker. The minutes of the FC meeting with the details of this meeting can be found at [http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/council/minutes.html](http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/council/minutes.html)

The results of the elections for the Faculty council were presented: Gary Brewer, Michael Kelly, John Pintar, and Laura Willett have been elected to a three year term with John Pintar representing the FC to the Rutgers Senate.

An update of the status of the A&P guidelines regarding the near completion of the AAUP negotiated section and outlining the potential role of the faculty in establishing the criteria for promotions, as defined by the RWJMS Bylaws were presented. This could not proceed without a copy of the guidelines.

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