MINUTES OF THE FACULTY MEETING
October 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology:
Biochemistry Molecular Biology: Drs. Brewer, Ercikan-Abali, Gelinas, Kinzy, Stock
Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine: Drs. Arya, Fiesselear
Environmental and Occupational Medicine: Drs. Gochfeld, Kipen, Lioy, Richardson, Shalat
Family Medicine: Drs. Like, Pellerano
Medicine: Drs. Carson, Mehan, Melera, Rivera, Scardella, Sunderram, Thomas, Walker, Willett
Neurology: Drs. Dhib-Jalbut, Sonsalla
Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Drs. Dreyfus, Varia
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences: Drs. Ayers, Balica, Bachmann, Ebert, Hutchinson-Colas
Ophthalmology:
Orthopaedic Surgery:
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: Drs. Amenta, Barnard, Goodell, Hitchcock, Kirn, Weissmann
Pediatrics: Drs. Brooks, Lewis, Whitley-Williams
Pharmacology: Drs. Langer, Walworth
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation:
Psychiatry: Drs. Lebeau, Menza
Radiology:
Surgery: Drs. Eisenstat, Tyagi

1. The minutes of the May 6, 2013 Faculty meeting were approved.

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

   • Researchers at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, led by Joseph Fondell, PhD, associate professor of pharmacology, are studying the underlying mechanisms that cause invasive tumor growth, identified a key transcription factor, a protein which regulates the flow of information from DNA, that is over-produced in treatment-resistant prostate cancer, as well as the two protein kinases that trigger the process. This finding, published and highlighted on the cover of the July issue of Molecular Cancer Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) could be utilized to develop treatments for prostate cancer that is resistant to current therapies.

   • The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) announced that Frank Sonnenberg, MD, professor of medicine, was selected as one of 28 practicing providers & office staff from 18 states to serve as the inaugural class of Health IT Fellows. The Health IT Fellows will help promote and focus attention on
stories, tools, and technical assistance that can be used in providers’ offices nationwide – and to help make these tools better with the goal of keeping the patient at the center of care.

- **Fred A. Kobylarz, MD, MPH**, a board-certified geriatrician and family medicine practitioner with Robert Wood Johnson Medical Group, has been named to the New Jersey Alzheimer’s Disease Study Commission. Dr. Kobylarz, who also is associate professor of family medicine and community health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and program co-director of the medical school’s geriatric fellowship program, was one of nine individuals statewide appointed to the commission.

**Search Committees Status**

- **Chair, Department of Medicine** – Candidates are being reviewed.
- **Chair, Department of Surgery** - Candidates are being reviewed.
- **Chair, Department of Dermatology** - Candidates are being reviewed.
- **Chair, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** – Candidates are being reviewed.
- **Chair, Emergency Medicine** – Search committee has been charged.

**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**
**Conversations with the Dean – Discussions with Community Physicians**
Conference Room 3405
Clinical Academic Building
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ
For more information, contact: mccathrm@rutgers.rwjms.edu

**October 28, 2013 - 4:30 PM**
**New Faculty Orientation**
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

**November 11, 2013 - 1:00 PM**
**Dean's Research and Mentoring Awards**
Conference Room 1302
Clinical Academic Building
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ
For more information, contact: gelinace@rwjms.rutgers.edu

**December 17, 2013 - 4:00 PM**
Ira B. Black Memorial Lecture
Main Auditorium
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
675 Hoes Lane - Piscataway, NJ
Reception to follow in the Great Hall

Speaker:

Joseph T. Coyle, MD
Eben S. Draper Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience
Harvard Medical School
McLean Hospital
Belmont, MA
For more information, contact: wheelebj@rwjms.rutgers.edu

3. RWJMS Admissions Report - Dr. Carol Terregino

The RWJMS Class of 2017 consists of the following:

- Includes 134 students, with 4 MD/PhD students; 10 Access Med students and 9 returning BA MD students; Plus 9 New Access Med students
- 54% are female
- Has an average age of 22.7 years, with students ranging from 20 years to 31 years of age
- Has 19% of the students born abroad, representing 15 different countries
- Has 16% of students from groups that are under-represented in medicine

4. Faculty Council Report – John Walker, RWJMS Faculty Council President

- Dr. Amenta attended the Council's meeting of May 21, 2013; he discussed issues related to the Rutgers transition, the status of the RBHS Chancellor search (see below), and concerns related to the appointments and promotions criteria for volunteer faculty.

- Discussions regarding the possible formation of an RBHS Faculty Organization are ongoing. Dr. DiCicco-Bloom and Dr. Abali represented the Council at an organizational meeting held on August 6th.

- At its meeting of August 20, 2013 Council members discussed concerns related to faculty teaching efforts with Dr. Siobhan Corbett, Chair of the Curriculum Committee. The Council has formally requested that the Curriculum Committee review these concerns.

- Dr. Brian Strom, who will assume his responsibilities as the inaugural Chancellor of RBHS in early December, has accepted Dr. Walker's invitation to attend an upcoming Council meeting, possibly in November (date to be announced).

- Dr. Molloy recently announced that a RBHS-specific strategic planning session will be scheduled for New Brunswick later in the fall semester. (http://universitystrategy.rutgers.edu)

- Faculty are reminded that a New Faculty Orientation session will take place on October 22, 2013 at
Faculty Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2013

4:30 PM in CAB 1302.

- Faculty wishing to place items on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting may contact either Ruthe Geardino (geardira@rwjms.rutgers.edu), or John Walker (jwalker@rwjms.rutgers.edu).

New Business

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Spotnitz
Secretary of the Faculty