MINUTES OF THE FACULTY MEETING
December 2, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology:
Biochemistry Molecular Biology:  Drs. Brewer, Ercikan-Abali, Gelinas, Kinzy, Stock
Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine:
Environmental and Occupational Medicine:
Family Medicine:  Drs. Jahn, Lansing, Laumbach, Like, Tallia, Swee
Medicine: Drs. Chokhavatia, Cohen, Coromilas, Das, Lefavour, Mehan, Philipp, Sharma, Terregino, Thomas, Walker, Willett
Neurology:  Drs. Dhib-Jalbut, McKinney, Sonsalla
Neuroscience and Cell Biology:  Drs. Crockett, Glendinning, Moorman, Varia, Suss
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences:  Drs. Bachmann, Ebert, Merjanian
Ophthalmology:
Orthopaedic Surgery:
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine:  Drs. Amenta, Cadoff, Soto
Pediatrics:  Drs. Drachman, Kelly, Whitley-Williams, Wollack
Pharmacology:  Drs. Langer, Rabson, Walworth
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation:
Psychiatry:  Drs. Lebeau, Saks
Radiation Oncology:
Radiology:
Surgery:  Drs. Graham, Kwong, Spotnitz

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

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

   • Arnold B. Rabson, MD, director of the Child Health Institute of New Jersey and Laura Gallagher Endowed Professor of Developmental Biology, and professor of pediatrics, pharmacology, and pathology and laboratory, received the 2013 Distinguished Service Award by the Melvyn H. Motolinsky Research Foundation, a supporter of hematology research and funding efforts to treat and cure leukemia and other blood-related diseases. This award is given to a leader in medical service to the community.

   • Rutgers Eric B. Chandler Health Center Earns National Recognition for Patient-centered Care. Eric B. Chandler Health Center, a comprehensive, family-oriented community health center, has been working hard to change the patient experience. Each Chandler patient has a single primary care provider who coordinates care and with whom he or she can build a clinical relationship over
the long term. Performance is measured against evidence-based guidelines for quality care.

- In a Viewpoint piece published Online on October 30 in the Journal of the American Medical Association Psychiatry, Jill M. Williams, MD, professor of psychiatry, said partnerships between mental health providers and state or county tobacco control programs benefit patients, providers and programs. Persons with mental illness account for more than one-third of adult smokers in the United States and despite a decline in tobacco use during the past five decades there has been no change in the smoking rate for patients with poor mental health. To combat reliance on tobacco in mental health populations, experts agree that mental health services and government-sponsored tobacco control programs must work together to improve education and access to smoking cessation programs.

Search Committees Status

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

Upcoming Events

- **Annual Global Health Fair - December 3, 2013 - 5:30 PM**
  A Collaborative Event with Rutgers, Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs
  
  Main Auditorium  
  Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
  675 Hoes Lane - Piscataway, NJ

  **SPEAKER:** Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH  
  Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences  
  Poster Session and Poster Award Ceremony to follow - Great Hall  
  Call for Posters: Have you participated in a global health experience?  
  Submission of Abstracts Deadline is: Friday, October 18, 2013  
  For more information, contact: rozaricm@rutgers.edu  
  Light refreshments will be served.

- **Ira B. Black Memorial Lecture - December 17, 2013 - 4:00 PM**
  
  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
The Rules and Procedures Committee has recommended that Barbara Palmieri, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, be appointed as a full member of the Faculty. I accept this recommendation.

3. **Faculty Council Report** – John Walker, RWJMS Faculty Council President

   - Dr. Strom attended the Council's meeting of November 21, 2013; he responded to a wide range of questions from the Council and other members of the Faculty.

   - Bylaws of the RBHS Faculty Council have been formulated. Consistent with Dr. Strom's preferences, Dr. Abali and Dr. DiCicco-Bloom will serve as the inaugural representatives from RWJMS.

   - Dr. Walker met with the leadership of The Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Retired Faculty Association. Members of The RWJMS RFA note an absence of parity with the Rutgers Retired Faculty Association, including the Rutgers University policy on emeritus status.

   - The Council discussed the implications of Council members having administrative titles and/or responsibilities. Faculty should consider this when nominating or electing members to the Council.

   - Faculty are reminded that Dr. Strom's Town Hall meeting will take place on Monday, December 2, 2013 from 3:30-4:30PM in the Main Auditorium in Piscataway. Dr. Strom will provide an update of integration and strategic planning activities, outline his vision and initiatives planned for RBHS, and address questions from the audience.

   - Minutes of the Council 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 (geardira@rutgers.edu), or John Walker (jwalker@rwjms.rutgers.edu).

**New Business**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Spotnitz
Secretary of the Faculty