UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
MINUTES OF THE FACULTY MEETING
January 28, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology:
Biochemistry Molecular Biology: Drs. Brewer, Chada, Copeland, Erickan Abali, Gartenberg, Gelines, Kinzy

Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine: Drs. Church, Riggs-Fiesseler, Wei

Environmental and Occupational Medicine: Drs. Fan, Gochfeld, Richardson, Shalat, Udasin

Family Medicine: Drs. Jahn, Like, Looney, Pellerano, Swee, Risimini

Medicine: Drs. Harpel, Kostis, Mehan, Sunderram, Terregino, Thomas, Trontell, Walker, Weinstein

Neurology: Drs. Dhib-Jalbut, Golbe, Sonsalla

Neuroscience and Cell Biology: DiCicco-Bloom, Moorman, Suss


Ophthalmology:

Orthopaedic Surgery:

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: Drs. Amenta, Avin, Bernard, Cadoff, Kirn, Kuriyan, Rhodes, Richfield, Salaru, Wadsworth

Pediatrics: Drs. Bhaumik, Brooks, Drachtman, Hegyi, Kelly, Wollack

Pharmacology: Drs. Roth, Walworth

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: Dr. Dunn

Psychiatry: Drs. Cutting, Lebeau, Manowitz, Menza, Petti, Saks

Radiation Oncology:

Radiology:

Surgery: Drs. Borah, Calvano, Dombrovskiy, Foty, Graham

1. The minutes of the December 3, 2012 Faculty meeting were approved.

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

- James Millonig, PhD, Associate Professor of Neuroscience and Cell Biology and a member of the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine and his collaborators: Emanuel DiCicco-Bloom, MD, Professor of Neuroscience and Cell Biology, Zhiping Pang, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neuroscience and Cell Biology, Chi-Wei Lu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences, Yong Lin, PhD, Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, and Linda Brzustowicz, MD, professor and chair of genetics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, were awarded a grant by the New Jersey Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism for their work on “The Generation and Characterization of Autism iPSCs”.


• Dr. John Kostis, MD, Director of the Cardiovascular Institute was certified as a prescriber of lomitapide, a potent cholesterol lowering medication that was approved by the FDA for treatment of familial heterozygous hypercholesterolemia, (a serious, genetic disease that impairs the function of the receptor responsible for removing LDL-cholesterol. Patients with this condition are at high risk of developing acute myocardial infarction at an early age (20s and 30s) if not well controlled.) Because of the risk of liver toxicity, lomitapide is available only through a restricted program called the lomitapide Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). For that reason, lomitapide will be available only through certified health care providers and the pharmacies that will dispense the medicine. The goals of the REMS are to educate prescribers.

• The following UMDNJ and RWJMS faculty are recipients of the 2013 Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Award Honorees. Congratulations to:
  
  o Suhayl Dhib-Jalbut, MD, Professor and Chairman of Neurology, the recipient of the Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research.
  
  o Robert L. Johnson, MD, The Sharon and Joseph L. Muscarelle Endowed Dean, New Jersey Medical School, the recipient of the Physician’s Award.
  
  o Carol A. Terregino, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Education (interim) and Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, a recipient of the Outstanding Medical Educator Award.
  
  o Smita S. Patel, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the recipient of the Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research.

• The FOCUS ("Functional Outcomes in Cardiovascular Patients Undergoing Surgical Hip Fracture Repair") study led by Jeffrey Carson, MD, has been selected by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute as one of the top 34 research findings published in fiscal year 2012 and supported by the NHLBI. The 34 key research findings were selected because they advanced the knowledge of blood, cardiovascular, and lung diseases.

• A study was published in the January 2, 2013 edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, titled, “Outcomes Using Lower v. Higher Hemoglobin Thresholds for Red Blood Cell Transfusion”. The study, conducted by Jeffrey L. Carson, MD, The Richard C. Reynolds Professor of Medicine, and his research team, found that compared with higher hemoglobin thresholds, a hemoglobin threshold of 7 or 8 g/dL is associated with fewer red blood cell units transfused without adverse associations with mortality, cardiac morbidity, functional recovery or length of hospital stay.

• During a research symposium at the *American Medical Association’s Interim Meeting*, Rajani Sharma, a RWJMS fourth year medical student, was the overall medical student category winner in the clinical outcomes and health care improvement category for her research titled, “Are There Gender Differences in Primary Prevention of Peripheral Artery Disease in At-Risk Patients?” More than 600 abstracts were submitted for consideration this year, the most in the research symposium’s 10 year history. The award program began in 2003 to provide leadership opportunities for medical students, residents and fellows who are interested in research.

• Search Committees Status
  
  ▪ Chair, Department of Medicine – Search committee was charged on November 20, 2012
  ▪ Chair, Department of Surgery - Search committee was charged on December 4, 2012
  ▪ Chair, Department of Dermatology - Search committee was charged on September 25th.
Upcoming Events

The Match Day Ceremony will be held on March 15, 2013 at 11:30 AM in the Arline and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, One Robert Wood Johnson Place in New Brunswick. For more information contact: hansenmp@umdnj.edu

David Baltimore, PhD, the 1975 Recipient of Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, will be speaking at the Aaron T. Shatkin Lecture on April 9, 2013 at 4:00 PM in the Main Auditorium at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 675 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Reception will follow in Great Hall.

Gary Schwitzer, Publisher, Health New Review, will give a lecture titled “Addressing the Ethical Morass at the Intersection of Media, Medicine and Public Health” at the 16th Annual Mates David and Hinna Stahl Memorial Lecture in Bioethics Lecture to be held at 4:00 PM on April 23, 2013 in New Brunswick at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in the Clinical Academic Building Conference Room 1302. A reception will follow in Conference Rooms 3403 and 3405.

The Annual RWJMS Scholarship Gala will be held on April 27, 2013 at the The Heldrich in New Brunswick. The 2013 awardees are as follows:

- Meritorious Service Award - The Honorable Thomas H. Kean
- Distinguished Alumni Award - Grace Chang, MD '82, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
- Honorary Alumni Award - John B. Kostis, MD, Professor of Medicine, Founding Director of the Cardiovascular Institute of New Jersey, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

3. **2013 Candidates for the MD degree** were approved - Dean Peter Amenta

4. **RWJMS Faculty Council Report** - Nancy Walworth, RWJMS Faculty Council President

Election of faculty to the Faculty Council has been completed. Faculty newly elected to the Council for three year terms ending August 31, 2015 are:

- Emine Ercikan Abali, Ph.D.
  Associate Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Joseph Aisner, M.D.
  Professor, Dept. of Medicine
- Andrew Boyarsky, M.D.
  Associate Professor, Dept. of Surgery
- John Pintar, Ph.D.
  Professor, Dept. of Neuroscience and Cell Biology

RWJMS Faculty are encouraged to take part in upcoming events:

The RWJMS Retired Faculty Association is hosting Dr. Christopher Molloy, Interim Provost for Biomedical and Health Sciences at Rutgers. Dr. Molloy’s talk, entitled “Integration Update”, will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013 in the Dean’s Conference Room, Piscataway, at 12 noon.

The RWJMS chapter of the AAUP will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 in MEB-102, New Brunswick, at 12 noon. Topics for discussion include the merger of RWJMS with Rutgers and an update on contract negotiations with UMDNJ.
The next meeting of the Faculty Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in CAB1302 in New Brunswick with V-tel to the Dean’s Conference Room in Piscataway. Tentative topics include a discussion of shared governance within Rutgers and the Rutgers appointments and promotions process.

With regard to issues brought to the Faculty Council by faculty members, the Dean called a meeting on January 8, 2013 to which all department chairs and institute directors were invited to discuss the response of the school and university to Hurricane Sandy. Faculty are encouraged to ask their chairs or directors about this meeting and to share with their department chairs or institute directors particular concerns regarding preparedness as there will be a follow up meeting.

Meeting minutes, links to items of interest and Council reports to the Faculty can be found on the Faculty Council website at:  http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/council/related.html

**New Business**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Spotnitz
Secretary of the Faculty