MEMBERS PRESENT

Anesthesiology:
Biochemistry Molecular Biology: Drs. Brewer, Gelinas, Stock
Dermatology:
Emergency Medicine: Drs. Riggs-Fiesseler, Wei
Environmental and Occupational Medicine:
Family Medicine: Drs. Jahn, Pellerano, Swee
Medicine: Drs. Harpel, Mehan, Scardella, Sunderram, Terregino, Thomas, Walker, Willett
Neurology: Drs. Dhib-Jalbut, Golbe
Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Drs. Comoletti, DiCicco-Bloom, Dreyfus, Glendinning, Moorman, Pang, Suss, Varia
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences: Drs. Bachmann, Buniak, Ebert, Merjanian
Ophthalmology:
Orthopaedic Surgery:
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine:
Pediatrics: Drs. Amato, Denzin, Drachtman, Kelly, Knox, Sant’Angelo
Pharmacology: Drs. Rabson, Roth, Walworth
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: Dr. Cuccurullo
Psychiatry: Drs. Lebeau, Kaufman, Manowitz, Menza, Saks
Radiation Oncology:
Radiology:
Surgery: Drs. Dombrovskiy, Eisenstat, Gracias

1. The minutes of the January 22, 2015 Faculty meeting were approved - Interim Dean Vicente Gracias

2. Dean's report – Interim Dean Vicente Gracias. Dr. Gracias presented the following comments:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Alfred Tallia, professor and chair, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, has been elected to a two-year term as a member of the Executive Board of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). The NBME is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides high-quality assessments of the health professions. In addition, the NBME appointed Dr. Tallia to represent the organization as a regular member on the Composite Committee of the United States Medical Licensure Exam (USMLE).

- Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, in collaboration with the Association of American Medical College is producing a year-long blog called “52in52” that uses the media to inspire insightful interpretations of human behavior depicted in film. With the
commencement of the 2014-15 academic year, medical students, residents and faculty at the medical school began a virtual road trip across the United States. Students in the elective class watch a movie set in a different state each week. After watching the assigned movie, students blog on the film through a psychiatrist’s lens. The blog is on the AAMC MedEdPortal webpage at https://www.mededportal.org/icollaborative/about/initiatives/52in52.

- Dr. Judith K. Amorosa, clinical professor of Radiology and vice chair for Medical Education and Faculty Development, Department of Radiology, was selected to be the recipient of the American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology 2015 Outstanding Teacher Award.

- Three third-year medical students, who are each two-time recipients of National Medical Fellowships, were featured presenters at the Latino Medical Student Association National Conference. Jorge Rocha and Wylie Lopez presented their mentoring program, Creating Access for Students Committed to Addressing Disparities and Equity to increase student interest in higher education and Tatiana Londono presented STEP UP, which provides educational and social for the pediatric HIV population at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

- Copernicus Health, a new healthcare startup by five second-year Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School students and a Rutgers undergraduate, was awarded a $50,000 grant from the Nicholson Foundation and Rutgers Health Care Challenge, to continue work on a smartphone application that will help those with Type 2 Diabetes in underserved populations.

- The department of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive services graduated its first Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility fellow, Dr. Eric Forman, who is the first to take the subspecialty boards in this specialty and pass.

- On Saturday, April 25, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School partnered with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital as participants in the annual Rutgers Day, with more than a dozen exhibits featuring departments and programs on College Avenue and Busch campuses. We are very proud of our faculty, staff, students and residents from our various programs who volunteered and helped make the day such a success.

From the Office of Community Health

Congressman Frank Pallone visited Chandler Health Center to discuss the passage of the Sustainable Growth Rate formula to permanently replace the Medicare doctor payment system. Congressman Pallone is a co-author of the bill, H.R. 2, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, and helped usher it through the House.

From the Office of Research

Dr. David Sleat, associate professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, received a two-year R21 grant from the National Institutes of Health for “Biomarker discovery for juvenile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis” for $437,250.

Dr. Smita Patel, professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was notified by President Barchi
that she is the recipient of a Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research for the academic year 2014-2015. Dr. Patel is the first medical school faculty to receive this award, which honors outstanding members of the Rutgers community for exceptional contributions to research.

Two Robert Wood Johnson Medical School faculty were selected to attend the prestigious 2015 HERS Bryn Mawr Summer Institute, dedicated to creating and sustaining a community of women leaders through leadership development programs with a special focus on gender equity to achieve excellence in higher education. The recipients are:

- Dr. Shawna Hudson, associate professor, Family Medicine and Community Health, whose research includes extended cancer education for longer-term survivors in primary care, and

- Dr. Monica Roth, professor of Pharmacology, who is an internationally recognized investigator in the field of Moloney Leukemia virus biology, the interaction of viral and host proteins and the integration of murine retroviral vectors.

Two post-doctoral fellows each received two-year fellowships from the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research. The recipients are:

- Dr. Hanlin Tao, in the laboratory of Dr. Shengkan Jin, associate professor, Pharmacology, to study “Preventing and Treating Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer by Targeting Cell Metabolism” for $100,000, and

- Dr. Miao Chen, in the laboratory of Dr. Marc Gartenberg, professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, to study “The tRNA Supply Chain: Coupling tRNA Synthesis with Nuclear Export of tRNAs at Nuclear Pore Complexes” for $100,000.

Evelyn Okeke, a second-year Ph.D. candidate in the laboratory of Dr. Kiran Madura, professor, Pharmacology, has been selected to receive a five-year National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for $138,000.

The American Association of Immunologists has named Dr. Joshua Vieth, a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Derek Sant’Angelo’s laboratory at the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, one of ten AAI Public Policy Fellows for 2015-2016. The program engages postdoctoral fellows and junior scientists in public policy activities that impact biomedical research.

**From the Office of Education**

Dr. Norma Saks was re-elected to a second term (2015-2019) to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Medical Science Educators

Dr. Archana Pradhan presented “Using Student Evaluations to Revitalize Best Practices for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship” at the 2015 Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology & Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics Annual Meeting. The medical school has affiliated with the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Sciences. A Grand Rounds presentation in the Department of Surgery on May 27, 2015, will introduce the school to improvisational skills that may improve the communication of science to patients and peers.
May 27, 2015, is the third annual interprofessional Warrior Centric training for students of the health professions, in line with the mission of Joining Forces.

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School faculty and students participated actively in poster presentations and short lectures at the 2015 Northeast Group on Educational Affairs Annual Retreat. Dr. Norma Saks completed a 3-year term as chair of the NEGEA Steering Committee and will serve in the role of Past Chair for a 2-year term. Dr. Sarang Kim was appointed for a 1-year term as Member-At-Large on the NEGEA Steering Committee.

**From the Clinical Enterprise**

Faculty members in the division of cardiac anesthesia published The Optimal Angle of Head Rotation for Internal Jugular Cannulation as Determined by Ultrasound Evaluation in the *Journal of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesia*.

Dr. David Mulvihill, resident physician in the department of radiation oncology, was awarded the ASCO 2015 Young Investigator Award from the Conquer Cancer Foundation and received a $50,000 grant in support of “Childhood Radiation Exposure from Interventional Cardiology Procedures and Subsequent Cancer Risk.”

Dr. Iris Udasin, professor of environmental and occupational health, along with colleagues in the World Trade Center Responders Monitoring and Treatment Program, has published World Trade Center Disaster and sensitization to subsequent life stress: A longitudinal study of disaster responders in *Preventive Medicine*.

Dr. Eunsung Junn, assistant professor of neurology, is the corresponding and senior author on “MicroRNA-7 promotes glycolysis to protect against 1-methyl-4-phenylpyridinium-induced cell death” published in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

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*December-Jan: Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology
February-March: OB and Surgery were added*
UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17, 2015 - 12:30 PM
Rutgers University Commencement
Rutgers University - New Brunswick and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
High Point Solutions Stadium
1 Scarlet Knight Way - Piscataway, NJ
For more information visit Rutgers Web Site

May 18, 2015 - 7:00 PM
Convocation Ceremony
State Theatre
15 Livingston Avenue - New Brunswick, NJ
For more information contact: hansenmp@rwjms.rutgers.edu

June 15, 2015 - 6:00 PM
Volunteer Faculty Awards and General Faculty Meeting
Conference Room 1302
Clinical Academic Building
125 Paterson Street - New Brunswick, NJ
For more information contact: ruthe.geardino@rutgers.edu

3. Mentoring Awards - presented by Vicente Gracias, Interim Dean:

Dr. Sharon Manne, professor, Department of Medicine at the medical school and associate
director, Population Science at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey has been awarded the
Norman H. Edelman Clinical Science Mentoring Award for 2014.

Dr. Arnold Rabson, director of the Child Health Institute has been awarded the R. Walter
Schlesinger, MD Basic Science Mentoring Award for 2014.

4. Nominations for Standing Committees - Secretary of the Faculty, John Walker

Academic Standing Committee - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Meigra
Chin, Nina Cooperman, Jeanne Ferrante, Yi-Horng Lee, Rebecca Moss, Wilbur Pan, Joelle
Pierre, Archana Pradhan*, Todd Rosen, Mark Stein, Iris Udasin, Jan Wollack*, and Serena
Wong*. There were no nominations from the floor.

Admissions Committee - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Christina
Buniak, Emine Ercikan Abali*, Joseph Fondell, Ramsey Foty, Thomas Hegyi, Manuel Jimenez,
Pan*, Amy Pappert*, Renee Riggs-Fiesselet*, Patricia Sonsalla*, Grant Wei, Serena Wong*,
and William McAuliffe, Harvey Weiss, Laura Willett were nominated from the floor.

Advisory Committee on Appointments and Promotions - The Nominations and Elections
Committee nominated Gary Brewer, Cheryl Dreyfus, Lawrence Golbe, Jeffrey Laskin, Peter
Lobel, Derek Sant'Angelo, Thomas Scanlin, William Wadsworth, and Nancy Woychik. There
were no nominations from the floor.

Curriculum Committee - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Jerome Langer*, Kiran Madura, Joyce Afran, Alexis Boneparth, Siobhan Corbett*, Colleen Donovan, Dana Herrigel, Jeffrey Levine*, Vincent McAuliffe, Shilpa Pai, Wilbur Pan*, Daniel Schneider, Jag Sunderram, Grant Wei*, Laura Willett*, Jason Womack, Gary Ebert, Javier Escobar, Sonia Laumbach, Nell Maloney Patel, Sarah Pickle, Alan Spotnitz *, Grant Wei, David Weissmann *, and Alan Weller. Elizabeth Goodman and Robert Lebeau were nominated from the floor.

Executive Council - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Susan Brooks, Thomas Hegyi*, Jeffrey Levine, Alann Solina, and Donald Winkelmann*. There were no nominations from the floor.

Faculty Council - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Gary Brewer*, Michael Matise, Vikas Nanda, Zhiping Pang, John Pintar*, Indira Amato, Joseph Barone, Andrew Boyarsky*, Christopher Bryczkowski, Vicki Craig, Lisa Denzin, Gary Ebert, Michael Kelly, Robert Lebeau, Amisha Malhotra, and Laura Willett. There were no nominations from the floor.

Hearing Body for Student Rights - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Tanaya Bhowmick, Valeria Di Stefano, Ann-Jeannette Geib, Dawn Thompson, Clifford Weisel, and Alan Weller. Comoletti Davide and Terri Nordin were nominated from the floor.

Nominations and Elections Committee - Nominated from the floor were Kenneth Kaufman, Michael Kelly, Anthony Scardella, and Carol Terregino were nominated from the floor.

Research Committee - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Joseph Bertino*, Zhaohui Feng, Shawna Hudson*, Honghua Li*, Kiran Madura, Naomi Schlesinger, Ann Stock*, Jag Sunderram, and Nathan Treff. There were no nominations from the floor.

Rules of Procedure - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Stefanie Berman*, Juana Hutchinson-Colas, Maya Ramagopal, Joann Spinale Carlson, Anthony Yang, and Federico Sesti was nominated from the floor.

*current committee members

Additionally, nominations were also taken for the following:

Rutgers University Senators - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Susan Boruchoff, Richard Drachtman, Gary Ebert, Stephen Moorman, Renee Riggs-Fiesseler, Stuart Shalat, and Vicki Craig was nominated from the floor.

Search Committee for Chair Ophthalmology - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Susan Boruchoff, William Grubb, Thomas Hegyi, Janos Jeges, Frederick Lepore, Peter Yurchenco, and Mladen-Roko Rasin was nominated from the floor.

Search Committee for Chair Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery- The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Dalya Chefitz, Kelvin Kwong, John Langenfeld, Daniel Morrison, Thomas Scanlin, Anays Sotolongo, Stanley Trooskin. There were no nominations from the floor.
Search Committee for Chair Pathology - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Tanaya Bhowmick, Darren Carpizo, Richard Drachtman, Shridar Ganesan, Darlene Gibbon, Kim Hirshfield, Claire Philipp, Jay Tischfield, and Robert Eisenstein, Arnold Rabson, Huaye Zhang were nominated from the floor.

Search Committee for Chair Neurological Surgery - The Nominations and Elections Committee nominated Gary Aston-Jones, Edmund Lattime, James McKinney, M Mara Mouradian, Jason Richardson, Todd Rosen, Chirag Shah, Jan Wollack, and Rajan Gupta, Wilbur Pan, Jag Sunderram were nominated from the floor.

5. **OASIS Women in Leadership Certificates** - presented by Vicente Gracias, Interim Dean

Christine Buniak, MD and Diana Glendinning, PhD were presented with Certificates of Completion for the 2015 OASIS program in Leadership

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

   - Election Results for Faculty Council Officers are as follows:
     - Monica Roth – President
     - Geza Kiss - Vice President
     - Nancy Walworth – Secretary

   - Faculty Council meetings will follow the following new format:
     - Function of Faculty Council to communicate information
     - Meeting 4X a year, unless issues are pressing
     - Invited speakers have been given a list of anonymously submitted questions to start the conversation

   - The following information regarding parking in Piscataway is for clinicians who do not have a Rutgers hangtag but who need to Park in Piscataway for teaching responsibilities:
     - Faculty who park at RWJUH need to personally spend an email to info@aps.rutgers.edu that includes their name, A#, Hospital Deck card serial number, and make, model and license plate of their car. This will only need to be done once annually. I recommend doing so in August of each year so they are covered for the entire academic year. Their information will be recorded in the RU DOTS database such that, when parking enforcement attempts to write a ticket for no hangtag, their information will pop up and no ticket will be issued.

     - Departments can use free scratch-offs for volunteer faculty (non-employees of Rutgers). These can be ordered by either their department of via the Office of Education in Piscataway. These scratch-offs are not to be used by paid faculty . . . doing so can result in a $100 fine.

     - All others who are employed by Rutgers will need to purchase a one-day (or longer) hangtag on their own from Public Safety at 335 George St.

     - Brenda Coleman (Administrative Support Team) will continue to make outside
reservations for those who need it, especially outside guests, on a first come first serve basis, but the faculty member himself/herself will be responsible for having notified APS of their license plate information, etc. as described above. Brenda will NOT be sending information to Public Safety, and it should be noted that failure to send this info at least 24 hours in advance of parking could result in parking ticket.

Information provided by Rob Prodoehl, Executive Director of Operations and Administration, in response to an inquiry made by the RWJMS Faculty Council President Monica Roth on April 15, 2015. Please contact Rob with questions or for clarification at Rob.Prodoehl@rutgers.edu

- RWJMS representation to Rutgers University Senate

RU Senate had initially determined our representation based on “state lines”. The number of “state lines for fringe benefits” was incorrectly set at three. One Senator should be allowed for every 60 full time faculty members. The RU Senate has agreed to temporarily allow 7 RWJMS representatives until this can be discussed when the RU Senate comes back into sessions this fall. Need to determine the correct number of RWJMS Senators in the future.

- Highlights from the April 14th Faculty Council Meeting:
  - Discussion of upcoming Faculty evaluations
    - Clarification regarding AAUP annual evaluation versus pre-07/01/15 meetings with Chairs
      - Deans response posted on FC website
      - AAUP is currently negotiating portions of the A&P and has formally indicated their concerns about changing criteria outside appropriate governing bodies
    - Discussion of planned new administrative titles:
      - VC of finance/ clinical affairs/ academic affairs
    - Hiring of ECG consultant group (6 month time frame) to provide insights into restructuring medical plans.

- Planned to invite new Dean Sherine Gabriel, MD, MSc, after August, 2015 meeting

- The Council's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 5PM in CAB 1302 (and in Piscataway via videoconferencing)

- 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. (Ruthe.Geardino@rutgers.edu), or Dr. Monica Roth roth@rwjms.rutgers.edu

New Business

7. Dean Gracias asked for new business. Being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Walker
Secretary of the Faculty