

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)  
Meeting  
Monday October 16, 2006

8:00-9:30 a.m.  
Corporation Room, University Hall

Present:

Robert Smith, Chair; Jody Rich, Past Chair; Penny Dennehy, Vice Chair; Dean Eli Adashi; Lundy Braun, John Murphy, Eduardo Nillni, Jane Eisen, Patricia Flanagan, Barry Lester, Amy Salisbury, Geoffrey Tremont, Michelle Lally.

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m and the September Minutes approved.

Opening remarks from the Chair and directly to Dean Adashi.

Dean Adashi remarked to the MFEC the Medical school has accepted 92 students for the next entering class from a pool of 3300 applicants. New students have an average 3.776 GPA. 3 students are from R.I. and 1 in 5 is from an under reported minority comparing well with peer institutions. A new curriculum is in development for kick off in 2010, a new Bio-Med center is approved, and dramatic changes in the admission process is underway. The Strategic Planning Group is working, especially in Bio-Med faculty recruitment, 8 new Bio Med Faculty are being recruited. Some administrative changes aimed towards streamlining and adding symmetry to administration are in consideration, including hiring a new Associate Dean for Biology.

The new Bio-Med facility, Frank Hall was dedicated on October 6 to great excitement. A new Dean for Bio-Med Research is planned with a national and in-house search for suitable candidates. Public Health experience is considered essential to conform with long term goals for accreditation requirements. Additionally the Frank Family has provided \$3 million for graduate students in training grants. The Dean also reported that undergraduate Biology is under review in response to requests from the Provost and Dean of the College.

The Brown-Hospital group now has 17 members and reviewed at a recent Brown Community Council Meeting. Goals set at the meeting include a. to integrate research branches, b. identify areas of excellence, c. construct a Medical Education Institute. (MEI). The MEI's primary function to students is to bridge divides between Residents, Fellows, and Faculty with attention towards excellence for students. A single institute needs physical juxtaposition of training both symbolically and physically.

Members of the MFEC made comments to the Dean and queries. Mention was made that no formal process for recognizing a Graduate Education Program. The Dean gives formal seal of approval on all programs under control of Brown name.

Chair Robert Brown made a motion of support for a Graduate Education Program.  
Motion passed.

Welcome made to new member, Lundy Braun.

Past Chair Rich reported from the Faculty Executive Committee, (FEC)

1. Most issues before the FEC are campus based
2. Discussion regarding an Environmental Center
3. MFEC charge brought before the FEC regarding the Clinical Educator Track.

Discussion regarding visitors to the MFEC in 2007 include :

President Ruth Simmons  
Ombuds Flora Keshagian  
Dean Arthur Kertzer  
Arthur Klein  
Gayland Henderson  
And Philip Grupposo

Vice Chair Penny Dennehy reported on the Brown Community Council activities.

1. Police and Student relations
2. Brown's investments regarding social choice

Also, The Strategic Planning Working Group is focused upon issues Dean Adashi brought up earlier in the meeting, such as improving infra structure, search for a new Dean of Research.

The MFEC meeting closed at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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