

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

Monday January 8, 2007

8:00-9:30am.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present:

Robert Smith, Chair, Jody Rich, Past Chair, Penelope Dennehy, Vice Chair. Cynthia Jackson, Kelly McGarry, Joseph Diaz, Barry Lester, Christine Acebo, Michelle Lally, Pat Flanigan, Amy Salisbury, Wen-Chih Wu, Eduardo Nillni, and Jane Eisen.

The meeting began at 8:05am, Chair Robert Smith presiding, Minutes for December, 2006 approved.

Chair Smith opened the meeting and introduced Dean Eli Adashi. The Dean addressed a wide variety of topics relating to the Medical School. A strong cohort of applicants for the Class of 2011 reflects the growing interest in Bio/Med and the strength of the Brown Medical School programs. Dean Adashi spoke of advanced degrees in the Bio/Med fields all indicating the exciting advances in interdisciplinary study, eventually to the credit of the far flung research and teaching efforts of the Faculty. Of particular interest is a firm commitment to Research.

Dean Adashi envisions a new level of Research at Brown, starting with education of students, working closely with allied hospitals, and to be centralized in a site convenient to campus and hospitals.

General discussion followed touching upon specific points in the Dean's presentation.

Past Chair Jody Rich reported from the FEC: creation of Centers of Nanotechnology, Vision Center, and Health Services. Chair Smith suggested a motion to endorse the new Centers. Passed by acclaim.

Penny Dennehy reported from the Brown Community Council and BioMed Strategic Planning Working Group.

Cynthia Jackson for the Nominations Committee that Barbara Shepps is to fill the remainder of Jane Eisen's term, through July of '08.

MFEC meeting closed at 9:30am

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Faculty Governance

