

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

November 12, 2007

8:00-9:30am.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present:

Mike Stein, Vice-Chair, James Gilchrist, John Murphy, Patricia Flanagan, George Tremont, Francois Luks, Emma Simmons, Rick Russom, Robert Smith, Bruce Becker, Deb Myers, Linda Lagasse.

The meeting began at 8:05 a.m., Vice-Chair Mike Stein presiding. Minutes for October meeting accepted.

Mike Stein reported no meeting of the BUCC.

Past-Chair, Robert Smith discussed a letter from the MFEC to the Dean of the Warren Alpert School of Medicine sent last summer. Emphasis was placed regarding the letter as originating from the MFEC as a whole. Highlights include tenure, scholarly leave, and glitches in computer access that effect research, parking, and other issues. General discussion among the members reaffirmed MFEC interest.

Rick Russom reported from the FEC. A survey among the Faculty regarding the Ombuds office is currently being conducted. The relative roles of the FEC and MFEC were discussed.

Dean Eli Adashi visited the MFEC. Dean Adashi discussed a wide range of topics. The hospital/educator relationship led the discussion and he emphasized the need for a central building for hospital related research. A search is on for a Dean for Research. The new Dean is charged with facilitating grants and funding for research. The medical school now outranks 75% of American medical schools and continues to attract strong student application creating optimal circumstances for bold advancement. Out dated Faculty policy issues are being revised, new manuals eliminate anachronisms regarding age for example. Emeritus policy is under review, rights and privileges, contributions to the University community and further topics with unfolding news for January, 2008. The Medical School has 2 new combined degree programs, MD Medical Policy and MD Public Aid. (degree name may change) The MD degree is evolving, new preclinical curriculum under Dean Phil Gruposso's leadership with emphasis on 4th year training. A committee is researching a new Global Health Institute, to start work in Feb/March with plans for the Institute. A search committee is recruiting a new Vice President for Global Affairs. There are 2 new endowed chairs, there are continued efforts to establishing as many endowed chairs as possible. General discussion and questions for the Dean continued.

The meeting closed at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Moorehead, Secretary to the MFEC