

**Minutes of a
Medical Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
July 12, 2004**

Present: R. Besdine, B. Bock, M.A. Bossy, A. Brem, J. Diaz, E. Harrington, J. Murphy, J. Padbury (Chair), M. Phipps, J. Rich, R. Smith, S. Suner, W. Wu

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. and introductions followed. Minutes of the 6/14/04 MFEC meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Padbury gave an overview of the MFEC's role for the benefit of the new members who joined the Committee effective July 1. He spoke about the MFEC's charge emphasizing that the Committee plays a major role in the decision-making process for issues involving the Medical School and represents the entire medical faculty body as one unified voice. After some discussion, it was decided that some time be set aside at the next meeting to thoroughly review the Medical School's faculty governance structure and the MFEC's function within that structure.

The MFEC's plans for next academic year include addressing issues brought to light in the Blueprint Report, one major concern being the disconnection of medical faculty from Brown University. Dean Besdine noted that he has been encouraging medical faculty to activate their Brown e-mail addresses so they will be kept informed of all Brown Medical School and campus issues. It was suggested that a copy of the MFEC membership list be distributed to medical faculty so they will know that they have representation on the MFEC. Discussion ensued as to how the MFEC plans on addressing the concerns raised by the Blueprint Report. It was suggested that the MFEC review last year's minutes before drafting any legislation to address the issues.

Dean Besdine announced that the Hospital Affiliation Agreements will be available on the Web once all of them are approved. He spoke about the strategic and unified application of the agreements noting that the complexity of how to work this out is substantial. Dean Besdine has been meeting with department chairs to start them thinking about cross-departmental programs.

Under old business, it was decided to postpone discussion about the clinical educator track until Dean Rounds can be present. The MFEC will be looking over faculty contracts at RI Hospital a second time for comment. After the first review, they voiced concern that the academic mission of the Medical School was not clearly defined. The contracts were revised to include the academic mission, a proposal by the MFEC that was recognized.

Dr. Padbury thinks it will be worthwhile for the MFEC to review the proposed Intellectual Property Guidelines and will include it on the agenda for the next meeting. He then proposed that the Committee not meet in August to which the MFEC agreed. The next meeting will be held on September 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Moreau
Secretary

