

**Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)
Meeting**

October 17, 2011

8:00-9:15 a.m.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present: Andy Artenstein, Glenn Tung, Michele Cyr, Joe Diaz, Michelle Mellion, Joe Bliss, Sharon Rounds, John Donahue, Selim Suner, Carmen Monzon, Cesario Bianchi, Barbara Stonestreet, Deirdre Fearon, Karen Tashima, Michelle Mellion, Barbara Bonestreet, Melissa Nothnagle, Susanna Magee, and Maureen Chung.

Chair Artenstein brought the meeting to order at 8:00 am. The Chair attended Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) meetings since the last MFEC meeting and reported to the MFEC the latest issues before the FEC.

1. Tenure for campus faculty
2. Requested volunteers from the MFEC to visit the FEC, perhaps on a rotating basis, to report back to the MFEC. Michelle Mellion and Maureen Chung offered a possible alternating attendance.
3. Report from the President's Executive Committee
 - A. Cost controls and their effects on campus life and academics
 - B. ROTC & NROTC return to campus
 - C. Athletics and compliance with Title 9.
 - D. President Ruth Simmons is stepping down after 11 years of service.
 - E. Sharon Rounds has agreed to serve on the Presidential Search Committee

Associate Dean of Medicine, Glenn Tung reported on the opening of the new Warren Alpert Medical School.

1. Each department has space and will be re-examined in one year for suitability
2. Plenty of space and parking is a welcome change.
3. The Bio-Med division is thankful to contributors to the building's construction.
4. The growth of the Knowledge District is politically popular, major political figures attended the medical school opening.
5. Bio-Tech is now firmly established in the region with the start up of several bio tech companies nearby.
6. The University of R.I. is establishing a School of Nursing in the district.
7. For the first time there is dedicated research space within the medical school.

Michele Cyr reported to the MFEC.

1. Vacant Chairs are actively being recruited through a national search process.
2. There are six vacancies at present.
3. Neurology and Pathology are close to commitment.

No New Business. Much general discussion of the impact of the new medical school and the opportunities for expanding educational programs followed presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead, Secretary to the MFEC.