

Medical Faculty Executive Committee

Minutes

April 13, 2009

Present: Mike Stein, Penny Dennehy, Suzanne de la Monte, Zeev Harel, Paul DiSilvestro, Michelle Lally, Angela Anderson, Francois Luks, Patricia Flanigan, Colin Harrington, Emma Simmons, Geoffrey Tremont, Iris Tong, Jennifer Clarke, Leslie Robinson-Bostom, Cynthia Loncar, Linda LaGasse, Craig Ebersson, Geoffrey Russom, Deborah Myers.

The meeting began at 8:05 am, Mike Stein presiding. Minutes of the March 9 meeting were approved.

Dr. Wing gave a report.

- 1) Medical school building progress. A site at 222 Richmond on Brown-owned property has been nearly finalized for 130,000 square feet to be rehabbed. Planned completion and opening in the fall 2011. Architect selection is proceeding with Corporation approval. The site has 380 parking spaces.
- 2) Brown-Lifespan Cooperation. Strategic planning around Centers of Excellence has begun, using the Alpert gift and Lifespan cash. Cancer, cardiovascular disease, Bioengineering and Personalized Medicine are being explored. Dr. Glenn Tung will begin new position as Associate Dean assisting in coordinating relations between the medical school, hospitals and physician practice plans.
- 3) Pharma policy- The Dean's office will be reviewing Pharma-faculty guidelines, particularly for hospital-based faculty.
- 4) Dean's Office reorganization- In addition to Dr. Tung, Dr. Michele Cyr will begin full-time work related to faculty affairs. One topic of interest is the recurrent finding from 4th year med student surveys about "mis-treatment" by faculty, which runs significantly higher at Brown than other universities.
- 5) Medical School admissions: PLMEs will continue to constitute 50% of incoming classes.
- 6) Memorial Hospital is considering having Harvard Medical School faculty assume cardiology work at the hospital. This would be the first time that a Brown-affiliated hospital made an arrangement with a Boston teaching hospital if it occurs.

On the agenda next month will be a discussion of the slate of new MFEC prospective candidates for election in June which will be done electronically. Drs. Gilchrist, Luks, and Harrington will serve on the nominations committee.

Update on Computer Software Services-

Michael Pickett has an informal understanding from SAS to make this software affiliate to Brown faculty based at hospital under the Brown agreement. He is looking for a MOU in writing from SAS before this can be operationalized.

IRB Issue Follow-up-

Dr. Wing has agreed to the MFEC's request (based on last month's meeting and letter to the Dean) to contact research administrators at the hospitals to move forward with an inter-hospital and Brown committee to streamline IRB procedures for applications involving multiple sites. He will report on progress after these contacts.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead
Secretary