

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present: Iris Tong, Emma Simmons, Jennifer Clarke, Geoffrey Russom, James Gilchrist, Zeev Harel, Geoffrey Tremont, Deborah Myers, Linda LaGasse, Jane Eisen, Craig Ebersson, Penny Dennehy, Patricia Flanagan, Mike Stein, Suzanne de la Monte, Cynthia Loncar.

Meeting opened at 8:00 a.m., Chair Mike Stein presiding.

Dean Ed Wing of the Warren Alpert Medical School was present as the invited guest of the MFEC. The Dean urged collaboration between the MFEC and Medical School.

Deputy Provost Vince Tompkins and Karen Davis, VP for Human Resources visited the MFEC to discuss the rapidly changing reality of the economic crisis. Hiring pause and vacancy reviews are at hand. The University Review Committee (URC) views the unforeseen economic impact as potentially protracted and severe. Bio-Med is suggested to seek more efficient use of overlapping functions, for example, Human Resources. The University values its role as an employer of choice and seeks to have minimum impact on staff. Areas for savings are seen in travel, meals, multiple publications, web support, greater sharing between institutions.

Michael Pickett, Vice President for Computing & Information Services/CIO visited the MFEC. After a brief introduction Pickett discussed strategic planning for 5 years in the face of the economic crisis and shorter funding: 1) to organize governance & funding processes, 2) to equal peer institutions in technology, 3) to preserve present values, 4) to identify areas for growth . Pickett discussed software licensing and collaboration with IBM. The MFEC invited VP Pickett to attend future MFEC meetings.

General Discussion among the membership followed the visitors. Software and research were major topics.

The meeting closed at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead
Secretary to the MFEC