

Minutes for the Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC)

Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Corporation Room, University Hall

Present: Robert Smith, Chair, Penelope Dennehy, Vice Chair, Barbara Schepps, Jody Rich, Past Chair, John Murphy, Barry Lester, Joe Diaz, Bill Rakowski, Michelle Lally, Geoffrey Tremont, Patricia Flanagan, Bruce Becker, Eduardo Nillni, Christine Acebo, Emma Simmons, Jane Eisen.

The meeting began at 8:05 a.m., Chair Robert Smith presiding. Minutes from the January 2007 meeting approved.

Chair Smith announced the receipt of \$100 million gift from the Alpert Foundation for a new Brown Medical Center to be distributed over 3 to 5 years.

Bill Rakowski reported to the MFEC from the January Faculty Meeting. The Faculty has approved an earlier start date for classes with special impact upon orientation of new students.

Chair Smith introduced Associate Dean Phil Gruppuso charged in 2005 with re-design of the Medical School curriculum.

Associate Dean Gruppuso provided background information regarding the curriculum and outlined objectives for the future. A greater rigor upon a strong science background is a key element for the future curriculum. Innovation, assessment issues, funding and focus are factors impacting the future Medical School Curriculum.

General Discussion followed Dean Gruppuso's presentation.

Chair Smith reported from the President's Office, Fundraising continues and is promising for Medicine; new properties are acquired, an aggressive formulated growth plan, and plans for an improved educational/residential campus.

General Discussion followed regarding the upcoming Corporation meeting.

A Nominations Subcommittee was formed, "Hank" Wen Chih-Wu as chair, Cynthia Jackson and Christine Acebo members; a call for members to drum up candidates for the MFEC and nominees for Vice Chair.

The MFEC meeting closed at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Moorehead
Secretary to the MFEC

