Minutes of the meeting of the
Executive Committee
SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine
July 31, 2017


The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brown and minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker-Dr. Chris Roman

Dr. Roman introduced himself to the committee as the Interim Institutional Official effective April 2017. Dr. Roman’s role is to confirm to the federal government that Downstate has their research-based oversight functioning properly. This includes the IRB, Animal Care and Use and other committees. Dr. Roman is the Chair of the Scientific Review Committee for Cancer Protocols and is a PI on animal-based research. Dr. Roman is a faculty member in the Department of Cell Biology and has served as Interim Department Chair. The committee discussed various concerns regarding research activities with Dr. Roman, including the IRB, which was discussed at the last Executive Committee Meeting. Dr. Roman stated he would like to get more faculty for the IRB. He asked that faculty email him with suggestions.

Presiding Officer’s Report
The Executive Committee reviewed and made revisions to the ballot for the 2017 election. The election will start once the company, Vote Now.com, receives all the information.

New Business
Dr. Durkin discussed the possibility of medical students receiving credit for research on their transcript or finding a way that medical students could get a master’s degree in Research. Dr. Durkin stated other colleges such as Johns Hopkins have a Master Degree in Research program.

Respectfully submitted,

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