

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Executive Committee  
of the SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine  
March 7, 2011**

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**Present: M. Feuerman, K. Powderly, S. Eisner, R. Twersky, S. Rinnert, I. Bodis-Wollner, C. Doty, A. Norin, V. Anderson, R. Viswanathan, M. Hammwerschlag H. Durkin, M. Nowakowski, C. An**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Feuerman; minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Presiding Officer's Report**

Dr. Feuerman met with Dr. Cramer in regarding Dr. Viswanathan's proposal for the SUNY Downstate Administration and Kings County Hospital Administration to explore the possibility of constructing a plaza on Clarkson between Downstate and KCH at New York Avenue. Dr. Cramer felt it would not be possible. Traffic would have to be diverted to other streets. The streets that are bounding Clarkson are narrow. Dr. Feuerman suggested having a street fair during the summer. Dr. Feuerman mentioned that the Bloomberg administration will close down streets in the summer for a "summer street program". Maybe Kings County and Downstate could be part of the "summer street program".

**Recycling**

We are under state mandate to recycle and become green. Dr. Feuerman is working with Dorothy Fyfe and Wolf Lacossiere from the Office of Planning on this. The more we recycle the more money we save. The major problems of recycling are FM&D and the folks in the kitchen. The folks who take out the garbage do not recycle and are not putting it in the designated bins. If the kitchen removes the recycling to another waste stream, we would save \$78 a ton.

Dorothy Fyfe was planning to do something for Earth Day which is April 22, 2011, but it coincides with Passover. She will reschedule Earth Day for another day.

Toner cartridges and old cell phones can be recycled. They can be sent to box 91 and the mail room will bring it to the Children Center which can receive funds for the recycled items.

**Meeting with Dean Taylor**

Dr. Feuerman spoke to Dean Taylor regarding the new building. Dean Taylor stated that the money is allocated for the new building which should be up by 2015. The new building will have seven stories. There will be an open first floor (multi-purpose space), simulation center, offices for the school of public health and a research area. The building will be in front of the main entrance to the Basic Science Building.

Many faculty members have expressed concern over the availability of sufficient faculty resources to carry out the new curriculum. The Dean feels there will be some faculty resources available.

The National Board of Medical Examiners would like to sell their retired questions. Dr. Feuerman stated this is an issue that is up for discussion.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

### **CEPC**

There are there some concerns with CEPC. Some members feel that the committee will be defeated while others want to take an active role with the changes in the new curriculum. Currently, we are in transition and some of the former roles that were handled by CEPC will be handled by the new Department of Education after the launch of the new curriculum. Right now this committee reviews electives, but after the new curriculum, this task will be handled by the Department of Education. The CEPC and the Executive Committee are trying to come up with ideas on how to interface with the Department of Education. Drs. Eisner and Feuerman met with Dr. Sass, who seems very open minded in trying to figure out the relationship between CEPC and the Department of Education.

There are students on the committee and they are against taking the comprehensive Basic Science exam before taking the USMLE exam.

Dr. Terracina will attend the next meeting, which will be held on March 24, 2011. She will be discussing the student handbook, policy issues and elective concerns with the CEPC.

Dr Eisner met with Dr. Sass regarding research content in the new curriculum. Currently, there is no research option for students. The new curriculum may have a scholarly project offered to the 4<sup>th</sup> year students but many faculty feel this is too late in terms of residency applications.

### **Research, Resource and Budget**

Dr. Durkin introduced the members of the committee. They are:

Dr. Nowakowski, Dr. Joks, Dr. Mark, Dr. Stewart with Dr. Hammerschlag as an adhoc member. Currently the committee is trying to find out who is in charging of anything dealing with research. The committee inquired about medical students doing research projects. There may be a small window of opportunity to include research in the curriculum. The committee will meet with Dr. Sass and then report to the Executive Comm with some recommendations to the Dean.

### **Faculty-Student Relations**

The students are excited about working with faculty members on both academic and extra-curricular events. They are going to identify some opportunities for more student/faculty interaction during graduation week.

On February 22, 2011, the faculty at Downstate participated in a fundraiser supporting the Brooklyn Free Clinic. It was held at Southpaw in Park Slope. It was fun and raised \$3,000. The clinic needs more faculty volunteers and could use donations. The committee will work on this.

The students have another event on March 23, 2011 at 7pm. It will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Joydeep Sarkar Intramural Basketball Championship. Dr. Joydeep Sarkar, who was a graduate of Downstate, was killed on September 15, 2010. Dr. Sarkar was involved with Intramural Basketball and instrumental with starting the Brooklyn Free Clinic. They are charging three dollars and looking for faculty volunteers to assist with the event.

### **Student Admissions, Academic Standard and Student Activities**

Dean Taylor would like to form a multi-disciplinary professionalism council. It would be an adhoc committee with input from the current professionalism sub-committee. Right now, we are focusing on the College of Medicine. The timing is great since we are in the process of changing the curriculum. Once we have the new curriculum launched, this committee will invite other

colleges at Downstate to participate. The purpose for this committee is to promote professionalism in both faculty and students. The faculty are the role models for the students. We have looked at other colleges and Ohio State has a similar committee.

### **Old Business**

Dr. Powderly provided clarification for Faculty Senate. The faculty senators are center wide representatives. The problem is the center wide committee has not met. Currently we have three faculty interested in becoming senators: Drs. Powderly, Rinnert and Anderson.

The next step is to speak to the center wide committee.

### **Library Committee**

Dr. Feuerman has yet to meet with the centerwide committee.

### **New Business**

The Semi-Annual Faculty and Professional Staff meeting will be on April 13, 2011 at 3:30 pm in Lecture Hall 1 in the BSB. Both President LaRosa and Dean Taylor will be there. Dean Taylor will update everyone on the LICH merger.

Dr. Nowakowski will work on the newsletter. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of March or the first week in April.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4 at 3:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Powderly, PhD