

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Executive Committee**  
of the SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine  
November 4, 2013

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**Present: R. Joks, S. Eisner, M. Nowakowski, M. Hammerschlag,  
I. Bodis-Wollner, D. Lemke, A. Norin, V. Anderson, R. Kollmar,  
H. Siddiqi, R. Viswanathan, H. Durkin, H. Morneo**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rauno Joks; minutes were approved.

**Presiding Officer's Report:**

Dr. Joks introduced himself to the committee and asked all of the members to do the same.

The Executive Committee went into Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss a confidential issue raised by CAPQ. A report was given on the status of the ongoing misconduct proceedings.

**Old Business**

As mentioned at the last meeting, Dr. Joks asked the committee if there were anyone interesting in joining the Admissions Committee.

As mentioned at the last meeting, Dr. Powderly is assisting the BFC marathon runners with fundraising.

Dr. Anderson stated that stairwells in Downstate's parking garage were buckling.

**New Business**

Ms. Melton stated that the dates scheduled for the Semi-Annual Meeting are December 4, 2013 or December 11, 2013. Once the availability of both President Williams and Dean Taylor are confirmed, Ms. Melton will notify the committee via email.

Dr. Anderson stated that she attended the Faculty Senate meeting along with Dr. Henry Flax, coordinator of the Pathology Residency Program, in October 2013 and will present a written report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Dr. Hammerschlag stated the in-patient Pediatrics department might be targeted for closure. If this department closes, it would create tremendous problems for the residency program. In addition, there would be other problems associated with closure such as where to send the medical students for their 3<sup>rd</sup> year clerkship. The neonatal unit and Ob/Gyn would remain open. Dr. Anderson stated that closing in-patient Pediatrics would be devastating since this neighborhood has higher infant mortality than other neighborhoods. The fear of closing the in-patient may cause damage to relationships with the community. Dr. Norin stated the community should be aware of the potential closure in-patient Pediatric department. Other departments such as in-patient Psychiatry and Rehabilitation are also being considered for closure.

Respectfully submitted,

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