

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Executive Committee
SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine
December 4, 2017**

**Present: C. Brown, R. Jackman, K. Powderly, S. Eisner, M. Hammerschlag,
R. Kollmar, S. Miller, H. Siddiqi, R. Viswanathan, L. Merlin, A. Quinn, R. Gupta,
V. Anderson**

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

Presiding Officer's Report

Dr. Brown stated that he met with Dean Pato regarding the future of University Hospital of Brooklyn because there have been rumors that Downstate may be merging with other hospitals. The Dean indicated that the State is no longer going to support standalone hospitals. Some medical departments at Downstate will likely merge with other medical departments throughout Brooklyn. The rationale behind merging these departments is to cut down on duplication and make it easier to negotiate cheaper rates. There has been discussion about the possibility of creating a Women's and Children's Hospital. After a lengthy discussion, the committee decided to invite Dean Pato to the next meeting to provide clarification about possible mergers and other matters regarding Downstate.

New Business

Dr. Eisner stated that she would like clarification on who to report to regarding purchasing a computer or dealing with departmental issues. The committee stated that question should be directed to the Dean.

The committee expressed concern about poor attendance at the Semi-Annual meeting. The committee felt that there was a breakdown in communication resulting in the late announcement of the Centerwide meeting. Dr. Brown stated that he did not know why the announcement was sent out late, but hopefully the communication between Centerwide and Executive Committee improves.

Respectfully submitted,

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