

**Minutes** of the meeting of the  
**Executive Committee**  
SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine  
March 5, 2018

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**Present: Present: C. Brown, M. Hammerschug, K. Powderly, R. Jackman, S. Miller, R. Gupta, H. Siddiqi, R. Viswanathan, L Merlin**

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

**Presiding Officer Report**

Dr. Brown stated that Dean Pato met with faculty members of the Pathology Department and asked the members to complete an anonymous survey regarding their feelings for the interim Chair. Dr. Brown stated that the Dean received favorable feedback from the members of the Department, but he then received an anonymous correspondence that contained negative feedback. The Dean was concerned about the negative feedback and hopes that the advisory committee can assist him.

The advisory committee to the Dean will meet next week. Executive Committee members are Drs. Norin, Powderly and Siddiqi.

Dr. Brown and the Dean also discussed the creation of two new departments (Department of Neurosurgery and Department of Family and Community Medicine). Dr. Sholder is being considered to Chair the Department of Neurosurgery which would be a merger with Kings County, Maimonides Medical Center, and Brookdale. There is currently a search committee for a Chair for the Department of Family and Community Medicine. This Department should be up and running in two years.

The Department of Anesthesiology has merged with Brookdale and Kings County. Dr. Wlody will assume the Chair of this merged Department.

The Department of Psychiatry will merge with Interfaith Medical Center, Kings County, and Brookdale.

Dr. Abulafia will be stepping down as chair of OBGYN.

**New Business**

Dr. Brown stated that the President will come to the next Executive Committee meeting to meet the committee members and answer questions. Dr. Brown asked the committee members to email him questions or concerns that they would like to address to President Riley.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Powderly, PhD

