

# **FACULTY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

## **Minutes of the Semi-annual Assembly**

**June 11, 2009**

Presiding Officer Stephen Rinnert called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting (December 17, 2008) were unanimously accepted.

### **Report from President John LaRosa**

Dr. LaRosa reported about collaboration initiatives within SUNY's medical schools on clinical research in order to take advantage of diverse patient populations. He would like to use Stony Brook's template to develop clinical trials involving all SUNY's medical schools. Downstate is in negotiations with LICH about a possible merger. There are also ongoing negotiations with Kingsbrook.

There is a new administration at Kings County Hospital, which already has established a cordial relationship with Downstate.

The MPH program is now officially the School of Public Health. This name will be used pending approval by the accrediting body.

The new biotechnology lab will be 12,000sq ft. Funds are available for this.

Downstate's total revenue is 20%-State support, and 80%-Tuition, patient care and research. UHB gets 10% from the state.

### **Dean's Report**

Dr. Taylor reported that there was a large faculty turnout at commencement. There was a 100% pass rate on Step 1 of the Boards. We have an increased number of applicants; they are economically varied and diverse. Based on the AAMC data, Downstate is ranked #1 with graduates staying local.

Academic Building-The money has been allocated for the new academic building. The cost for this building is 100 million dollars. This project is going forward.

The new Anatomy facility has been praised and has satisfied the LCME recommendations

Dr. Marcia Gerber has joined the Admission's office.

Dr. Pamela Sass has joined the Dean's office for the curriculum review.

Dr. Stephan Rinnert is working on the simulation center and standardized patients center.

The budget has been affected by the financial crisis. Reductions must be implemented with greater efficiency. The tuition is 21,000; 80% of the increase is going to NY state.

### **Report of the Presiding Officer**

Dr. Rinnert has reported the following:

The ALRC in the basement of the Library has a simulation center. There will be several interdisciplinary projects taking place in the ALRC.

The new academic building will have input from the Executive Committee. A Faculty Development Center wide Grand Rounds Conference was held on April 28, 2009. The workshop theme was educational tools.

The Faculty club was held last Friday in the Special Functions Room.

The Research Initiative will be monthly lunch research meeting.

150 Anniversary- several academic symposia are scheduled. There will be a convocation in September as well as an event for World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

### **Reports of Subcommittee Chairs**

**CEPC:** Dr. Keith Williams reported that his committee has approved several proposed electives.

An outline of the curriculum reform was presented, including timeline, organization of the process, stakeholders and certain principles of change. This information will be available on the curriculum reform web page.

**Student Admissions, Academic Standards and Student Activities:** Dr An reported the she met with Drs.Terracina and Gerber to discuss recommendations on professionalism. Faculty and students play a key role in this. The college handbook should reflect aspects of professionalism.

**ByLaws:** Dr. Al Norin was nominated and accepted as chair of the Bylaws committee. He will work on a few bylaws changes that will be presented to the faculty for vote.

### **CAPQ:**

There are several vacancies for the next year.

There are 53 incomplete applications to CAPQ, most of which are delayed due to problems getting letters of recommendations.

**Nomination Committee:**

The following positions will need to be filled in the next election.

**Executive Committee:**

Basic Science-4

Clinical Science -3

Staff-1

**CAPQ:**

Basic Science-3

Clinical -2

Respectfully submitted:

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