

MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY COUNCIL

**Speaker's Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.
SCCC Room 1537**

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Fazal Ahmad, Ph.D. Deshratn Asthana, Ph.D. & M.B.A. William Awad, M.D. Sanjiv Bhatia, M.D. Kermit Carraway, Ph.D. Mary Ann Fletcher, Ph.D. Orlando Gomez-Marin, Ph.D. Diana Lopez, Ph.D. Abdul M. Mian, Ph.D. Mavara Mirza, M.D. Ernesto Pretto, M.D. Rita Romaguera, M.D. Carl Schulman, M.D. John Thompson, M.D.	Nanette Bishopric, M.D. (excused) Panagiota Caralis, M.D. Elizabeth Fini, M.D. (excused) Arnold Markoe, M.D. (excused) Sean Scully, M.D. (excused)
Others Present: Richard Thurer, M.D. Richard Bookman, Ph.D. Joshua Hare, M.D. Jennifer McCafferty-Cepero, Ph.D.	

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

- 1.) **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the November 20, 2007 Speaker's Meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.
- 2.) **Name Change; Miami Institute for Medical Discoveries & Health Disparities (MIMDHD)** – Dr. Jonelle Wright
This item was deferred.
- 3.) **Proposal to establish the Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute (ISCI)** – Dr. Joshua Hare

Dr. Bookman introduced the topic to the Council. There have been discussions for about six months regarding the creation of the Miami Institute for Human Genomics and the Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute (ISCI). It was announced that the ISCI is the next biggest organizational and science push to create a stronger, new entity that will bring together scientists and clinicians from other disciplines across University of Miami and beyond. This was a key in the Dean's thinking of ways in trying to invest in the research mission of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. It has been a huge success in recruiting Dr. Joshua Hare to the UM family.

Dr. Joshua Hare is very eager to pursue this venture and he shared that this is something that went back to his recruitment and discussions with the Dean, that the ISCI would be good for the University of Miami to pursue. Dr. Hare will be the proposed director of the institute.

Dr. Hare gave an overview of the newly created institute. He went on to elaborate that having this institute would be a “good idea to bring together the expertise and scientists from different disciplines.” Dr. Hare communicated that there are discoveries that are being made in the laboratory that need to be applied to the clinical setting. He continued describing the mission of this new institute and its research as everyone reviewed the proposal.

The membership for ISCI was discussed. The membership of ISCI will be open to the public. Membership is open to ALL faculty at the University of Miami and its affiliated institutions. The specifics for membership and criteria are presented in the proposal.

ISCI will have a brand new state-of-the-art facility that will be completed this year (2008). The Dean’s letter (included in the proposal handout), indicated that there is university support in terms of both finances and space allocated towards the institute’s new facility. The State of Florida is considering an initiative to fund embryonic stem cell research as other states have.

Before Dr. Hare concluded his presentation of the Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute (ISCI), he addressed concerns and questions that the Council had.

It is believed that the Faculty Senate will move forward with the approval of ISCI.

Motion: To approve the establishment of the Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute

Vote: Unanimous

3.) **Admissions Committee** – Dr. Mian

Dr. Donna Wiener (Pediatrics) and Dr. Danny Sleeman (Surgery) have expressed an interest in serving on the Admissions Committee.

Motion: To approve their appointments to the Admissions Committee

Vote: Unanimous

4.) **Other Business**

There were concerns regarding using the title “Adjunct” for voluntary faculty. Dr. Thurer wants the Council to create the guidelines for voluntary, affiliated and adjunct faculty. Dr. Mian appointed a subcommittee. The subcommittee members will be Dr. Awad, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Gomez-Marín and Dr. Thurer. Over the next couple of weeks, they will go over the voluntary and affiliated faculty manuals. They will also create an adjunct faculty manual following the same format.

Dr. Bookman updated the Council regarding the ongoing support for the Miami Institute for Human Genomics.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.