

MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY COUNCIL

**Transitional Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

BCRI 139 (Baxter Conference Room @ Batchelor Children's Research Institute)

| Members Present: | Others Present: |
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| Norman Altman, V.M.D. Sanjoy Bhattacharya, M.D. Stephen Davis Mary Ann Fletcher, Ph.D. Marta Galarza, M.D. Pascal Goldschmidt, M.D. Oliver Lenz, M.D. Diana Lopez, M.D. Carl Schulman, M.D. Ivonne Schulman, M.D. Ilene Sosenko, M.D. | William Awad, M.D. Elizabeth Coker Luca Inverardi, M.D. Bal Lokeshwar, Ph.D. Jennifer McCafferty-Cepero, Ph.D. Khema Sharma, M.D. Thomas Sick, Ph.D. |

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Speaker, Dr. Norman Altman.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Speaker's Meeting of May 12, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Welcome and Council Orientation

Dr. Altman began with welcoming the new members of the Medical School's Faculty Council. He briefly discussed and described the contents of the packets that were distributed. As he explained the contents, he explained that there are two monthly meetings for Faculty Council. Dr. Altman advised Council members that meetings will only be cancelled if there is no new business to present or discuss.

He informed Council members of their responsibilities to the Faculty Council. It is very important to attend meetings regularly and represent their constituency's point of view. When there are important issues, they should be discussed with other faculty members. The intent is to engage faculty in the activities of the Faculty Council. There are 11 Standing Committees with a Council Representative for each committee. The responsibilities of the Council Representatives are to attend committee meetings and ensure the committees are meeting and functioning. Council Representatives should communicate issues related to the Faculty to the Council.

The appointment of committees is currently in progress and should be finalized shortly. Dr. Altman reminded the Council that the committee selection and voting for Faculty Council was completed electronically for the first time this year and acknowledged Elizabeth Coker and Conswella Robinson for their efforts in creating the new process. The Chair of Committee on Committees has reviewed the committee preferences and has sent the selections to the members of the Committee on Committees for their review. Next week, the recommendations will be presented to the Dean.

2. Dean's Comments – Dean Pascal Goldschmidt

Fiscal Information. Dean Goldschmidt began with welcoming the new Faculty Council members. He was pleased to report that at the close of the University's Fiscal Year in May 2009, the Miller School of Medicine was in good standing. The Miller School of Medicine's budget for the year 2010 has been approved by the Board of Trustees. The medical school now represents almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total budget for the university.

It is expected that 2010 will be a better year for the University of Miami and especially, the medical school. There are philanthropists who are committing new resources for the medical school and our hospitals and medical practices are continuing to grow. The Miller School of Medicine has planned for a growth of 9% for the new year.

In October, the Dean plans to reactivate the two searches for candidates to Chair the Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology.

Research Enterprise. Research activities are rapidly growing. Since February 1, 2009, the Miller School of Medicine has submitted 130 grant proposals to NIH. We have already received good news from several of our investigators. For example, between 2007 and 2009, the funding of investigators in the breast cancer program has increased from \$2.5 million to \$6.5 million.

Education. For the first time at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), we will start the third year clerkships in the local hospitals. The current affiliation agreement with Florida Atlantic University is also being re-negotiated at this time. Soon, a search will be activated for a new Regional Dean for the medical campus at FAU.

For years, under the leadership of Dr. Astrid Mack and Dr. Robert Hernandez in Medical Education, we have had a program that is targeted at increasing the access of minority students to medical school programs. Unfortunately, when the economic environment is challenging, universities have a tendency to discontinue these programs. The Dean we very pleased to announce that he is proud that our school did not abandon this program. Both, the Medical and Coral Gables campuses have partnered to carry out the mission of this program. We have resources to assist the students with taking the MCAT and understanding the academic world.

Clinical Enterprise. The clinical enterprise continues to grow. The Miller School of Medicine has recruited many new faculty members that have contributed substantially to our growth. Across the region, patients have found it easier to access UM physicians. University of Miami Hospital (UMH) has made their admission of patients easier. Our programs becoming increasingly unique and an example is the Bone Marrow Transplant program for cancer patients that we are going to build. Next month, we will begin building an outpatient facility that will be located in Coral Gables. Next door to the new outpatient facility, there will be a hotel for those patients who travel from abroad to receive medical care. We continue to have top programs at Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) such as the Trauma Center, Pediatrics, OB-GYN, and our Spine Programs which include Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery. Our Neurology programs have contributed to the success of JMH. Dean Goldschmidt reminded the Council that Dr. Eneida Roldan has been chosen to head the Jackson Health Systems. The Medical School is raising funds to assist JMH in building a new ambulatory facility for children.

People across the country have been quite impressed with the accomplishments and success of our programs.

Dean Goldschmidt addressed the questions and concerns of the Faculty Council.

3. Initiatives for the Upcoming Year – Dr. Norman Altman

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Dr. Altman mentioned that there are a number of new initiatives for the upcoming year. They include the following:

- Review the Faculty Compensation Policies and Procedures
- Review the Non-Reappointment process in the Faculty Manual for the Clinical Educator Track and the Medical Library Faculty.
- To establish a track for clinicians

Dr. Altman will be appointing committees to review these initiatives.

4. Appreciation for Service on Faculty Council

Dr. Altman presented Awards of Service to three Council members who have come to the end of their term and 2 Council members who have been re-elected to serve.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.