MEDICAL FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes

February 25, 2014 meeting – 4-5pm
Galter Health Sciences Library Administrative Conference Room (2nd Floor)

Attendees: Shireen Ahmad, Senta Berggruen, Will Cronenwett, Adriana Ferreira, Kris Healy, Lois Hedman, Priya Kumthekar, Lei Liu, June McKoy, Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Ajit Paintal, Emily Rogalski, John Salsman, Linda Van Horn, Carl Waltenbaugh, Anita Chase (administrative support), Anna Pougas (administrative support)

1. Approve Minutes
Minutes approved.

2. Mentor of the Year update
The 2014 Mentors of the Year were approved by the Deans Office – Ram Yogev, MD from pediatrics and D. Mark Courtney, MD from emergency medicine are this year’s awardees. They will be honored and get a chance to share their mentoring tips at a mentoring workshop on Wednesday, March 12, from noon-1:30 pm in the Searle Seminar Room. Unfortunately, neither is available in person on Research Day to receive their awards, but they will be announced and honored at the opening ceremony there as well. Arrangements will be made to get them their honorariums and medals.

Dr. Shireen Ahmad, Dr. Lois Hedman, and Dr. Linda Van Horn worked on updating the Mentor of the Year nomination guidelines as suggested at last month’s MFC meeting. MFC members are asked to look at the revised guidelines and make suggestions. Ms. Anita Chase will contact Development to see if the Kent family should be left in the guidelines, as their involvement may be changing soon. Ms. Heidi Nickisch Duggan asked that library faculty be included in events like the Mentor of the Year workshop and she will send Ms. Chase a list of faculty.

3. Mission and Visibility subcommittee report
A few more corrections were made to the new MFC mission statement and it was approved unanimously as follows:

The Medical Faculty Council (MFC) is the representative body of the Feinberg School of Medicine (FSM) faculty. Its membership is comprised of delegates from FSM departments, centers, programs, and the Galter Health Sciences Library. The MFC serves as a liaison between the FSM faculty and Medical School administration, and is a platform for FSM faculty to voice their concerns and offer suggestions and feedback about significant issues within the medical school.

Mission Statement:
The mission of the MFC is to foster a culture of academic excellence by promoting transparency, collaboration, communication, and mentorship within the FSM community.
4. IPHAM workshop updates
Ms. Chase will put together an email to go to all faculty emphasizing the MFC co-sponsoring the IPHAM workshops on April 10th and 24th.

5. TEDX Northwestern U 2014- April 12, 2014, 9 am- 4pm
Congratulations to Dr. Van Horn, who was chosen as one of the TEDX presenters for the event that will be held at the McCormick Tribune Center Forum, 1870 Campus Drive, Evanston. Her presentation will be “The Antidote to Obesity”. Dr. Xavier McElrath-Bey, a clinical field interviewer from psychiatry will also present on the topic “No Child is Born Bad”. The TEDX event will be video recorded live and also be posted online for those who can’t make it in person. Look for more information at: http://www.tedxnorthwesternu.com/

6. Miscellaneous/ Other Topics
Dr. Hedman has been reviewing the last year’s minutes and is pleased to report that the MFC has been fulfilling some of the past goals set. The committee should start to think about what is next. For example, at the August 2013 brainstorming session, the MFC talked about increased collaboration as a focus and talked about hosting a networking event. Now that the MFC has an updated mission, we should think about our next big goals that would fit that mission.

Ms. Chase will send a note to Kathleen Dunne and Dr. Bill Lowe to find out when budget suggestions for the MFC are due. MFC members should think about what kind of events they would like to do and what budgetary needs would be.

The next meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24, 4-5pm, Galter Health Sciences Library Administrative Conference Room (2nd floor)