FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 2, 2011


Also Present: Mr. Chatani, Ms. Schneier

Dr. Barnett called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Council were unanimously approved.

II. Information Technology

Dr. Barnett introduced Kumar Chatani, who has been appointed Chief Information Officer for Mount Sinai. Mr. Chatani stated that his first priority will be to identify tactical issues and long-range and short-range problems that need to be solved. He asked that the Faculty Council Resources Committee separate its concerns into these three categories, and that they further distinguish between critical and “nice to have” items. Council representatives suggested adding a representative to the Dean’s Research IT group and include the needs of affiliate-based faculty in IT discussions. Mr. Chatani expressed his commitment to giving faculty the IT support that they need.

III. Faculty Council Update

Dr. Barnett updated the Council:

- **Executive Committee** – The minutes of the October 2011 meeting were distributed to the Council.
- **Elections** – Announcements about the election process have been distributed to Chairs, Directors and faculty; November 30 is the deadline for responding. With the new calendar year, Dr. Barnett will transition to the position of Past President and Dr. Leibowitz will assume the role of President.

IV. Open Discussion

Discussion of the Faculty Council's role and impact included:

- The Council has re-established itself as a meaningful body within the School
- Communication with the faculty at large can be improved
- It would be worthwhile to dedicate Council efforts to making Mount Sinai a better place to work, which could reduce turnover
The Faculty Resources Committee successfully addressed concerns about Axiom Travel. Some other issues, e.g., Grant-in-Aid, were raised but not resolved.

Recommendations were made to:

- Create three subcommittees within the Resources Committee:
  - Benefits
  - IT
  - Quality of Life
- Identify a limited number of issues on which to focus

Upon motion duly made and seconded, a request to have a Faculty Council representative occupy a seat on a to-be-determined Dean’s strategy committee was approved.

V. New Business

Discussion of possible improvements included:
- Have all Council members serve on at least one Council committee in order to ensure broad input from the faculty
- Establish protocol for follow-up on issues raised by Council, e.g., Grant-in-Aid.
- Develop metrics for evaluating performance, e.g., responsiveness to email inquiries

There being no further business, Dr. Barnett adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.