Dr. Barnett called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. Welcome

Dr. Barnett welcomed attendees to this special session of the Faculty Council, devoted largely to the Faculty Council Awards ceremony.

Dr. Barnett provided a brief background on the recent revitalization of the Faculty Council. He also noted that for this first time, this year the Faculty Council is conferring its awards in its own ceremony rather than within a broader institutional venue.

II. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Council were unanimously approved.

III. Website Demonstration

Dr. Barnett demonstrated the recently created Faculty Council website, which includes: descriptions of the structure and function of the Council; lists of members and committees; approved meeting minutes; and contact information for faculty wishing to connect with the Council.

IV. Faculty Council Awards

Dr. Charney initiated the ceremony by describing the awards as a major honor in the School. Two awards are given to junior faculty (below rank of Associate Professor) and two to senior faculty (Associate Professor or Professor). Dr. Charney commented that this year’s recipients are spectacular scientists and clinicians, and he expressed his congratulations to all.

Dr. Laitman provided a history of the Faculty Council Awards, which were first given in 1998. They are designed to recognize achievement in any area which supports the mission of the School.

A nominator of each winner presented him/her with the award:

**Junior Faculty Awards**
- Julie Blander, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Clinical Immunology – Presented by Dr. Lloyd Mayer
- Stephanie Factor, M.D., M.P.H. Assistant Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases – Presented by Drs. Kristen Swedish and Molly Tolins
Senior Faculty Awards

- Robert J. Desnick, Ph.D., M.D., Professor and Chair, Genetics and Genomic Sciences and Dean for Genetics and Genomic Sciences – Presented by Dr. Kurt Hirschhorn, with supporting statements by Drs. Bruce Gelb and Edward Schuchman
- Steven Itzkowitz, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Gastroenterology – Presented by Dr. Bruce Sands

Upon completion of the awards ceremony, Dr. Barnett invited all attendees to a reception in honor of the awardees.