FACULTY COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2010

In Attendance: Drs. Anne Ambrose, Scott Barnett, Kevin Baumlin, Cecilia Berin, Arthur Cederbaum, Shu-hsia Chen, Tanvir Choudhri, Matthew Evans, Jeffrey Farber, Kathleen Gibbs, James Godbold, Marco Harmaty, Vahram Haroutunian, Michael Hausman, Robert Krauss, Jeffrey Laitman, Andrew Leibowitz, Brian Markoff, Alan Moskowitz, James Nielsen, Michael Palese, Michelle Rhee, Matthew Shapiro, Helen Shim-Chang, Eric Smouha, Joshua Weintraub; Ms. Leslie Schneier.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Laitman called the Faculty Council to order at 12:02 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Council were unanimously approved.

III. Faculty Council Election Results

Dr. Laitman announced the following election results:
- Scott Barnett, M.D., President
- Andrew Leibowitz, M.D., President-Elect

Dr. Laitman will now assume the position of Past President.

IV. Standing Committees

Faculty Resources Committee and Professionalism Committee: Council representatives were asked to: a) volunteer for Committee service; b) make recommendations members for the standing committees of the Council; members do not have to be Council representatives, and can come from any department or institute.

Executive Committee: This Committee will be comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and the Chairs of the standing committees. At its first meeting, the Executive Committee will discuss the frequency of Council and committee meetings.

V. Middle States Accreditation Update

Ms. Schneier provided an overview of MSSM’s application for institutional accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, including the Self-Study which is nearing completion.
VI. Communications to MSSM Faculty

Members agreed on the following:

- An e-mail will be sent to the faculty at large announcing the election results and providing the names of all representatives.
- A Faculty Council update should become a standing item on departmental faculty meeting agenda.
- E-newsletters will be a valuable means of communicating with faculty.
- Possibilities for creating a web presence on mssm.edu will be explored.

VII. Open Issues

Two basic science representatives expressed concern regarding the job standardization initiative. Their concerns will be shared with the Dean’s Office.

Dr. Charney will be queried regarding whether Council items can be placed on the Dean’s Leadership Board agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1:00 p.m.