FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 4, 2015

Representatives In Attendance: Drs. Aloysi, Ambrose, Berin, Butts, Choudhri, Evans, Gibbs, Gillespie, Godbold, Haroutunian, Harrington, Hausman, Kalir, Miller, Ragnarsson, Reiner, Rhee, Shim-Chiang, Stone, Teitelbaum, Wang; Ms. Schneier

Also Attending: Dr. Darrow, Ms. Schneier

I.   Approval of January 7, 2015 Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the January 7, 2015 Faculty Council meeting were unanimously approved.

II.   Faculty Council Elections

Dr. Choudhri discussed the importance of active representative participation in the Council, and encouraged all attendees to consider running for leadership positions on Council. Discussion:
- Get work done in a meaningful way
- Consider staggering leadership positions to ensure that there is institutional memory for smooth transitions
- Consider vice chair "training" roles; Vice Chairs could join the Executive Committee to gain exposure and experience
- Members should submit leadership nominations at the meeting or before next meeting so that elections can be held at next meeting.
- Council should seek blending of faculty members across campuses

A motion to create Vice-Chair positions was unanimously approved, and a call for nominations for Vice Chairs was made.

The Council also agreed to create a governance committee to consider possible changes to election rules and leadership terms, including:
- Current rules on term limits -- consider whether to allow a one-term renewal for the Council President.
- Term lengths – consider 2 and 3 year terms for President
- Should the governance committee be an ad hoc or a standing committee?

Dr. Choudhri asked Dr. Leibowitz to Chair and Dr. Ragnarsson to participate, and invited representatives to participate

III. Overview of EPIC Medical Records System

Dr. Bruce Darrow, Chief Medical Information Officer for the Health System, described the EPIC electronic medical records system, noting:
- It has taken nine years to roll out EPIC at MSH and MSHQ, and only a few areas, e.g., ORs, remain to be added.
- Planning has begun for roll-out to Health System member hospitals, which requires:
  - Infrastructure to be in place, e.g., identifying physicians who practice at multiple sites
  - Creation of standard patient portal for physicians to get data and communicate with other providers
- Cross-institutional access on individual work stations is already available in disciplines where many physicians practice at multiple member hospitals e.g., neurosurgery, radiology
- Many physicians need to have EPIC customized for their needs. This can be a lengthy process involving configuration, testing and interfaces.
- The FPA is piloting conversion to EPIC registration and billing to create more seamless processes. This will go live in 2016 and will replace IDX over time.
- Although some types of patient data are automatically released into MyChart, radiology data and some kinds of lab data must be manually authorized.

IV. Faculty Council 2015 Awards

Dr. Choudhri reported on behalf of Dr. Leibowitz. The call for nominations was issued this week. Representatives should encourage their department faculty to nominate candidates, noting that the "junior" awards go to instructors and assistant professors, and the "senior" awards go to associate and full professors.

V. Committee Updates

- Resources/Benefits Committee – Dr. Haroutunian reported that Ms. Maksoud is not yet certain whether there will be benefits changes in 2016, but she will keep him apprised as the discussions evolve.
- Professionalism Committee – Dr. Hausman reported that there have been no new cases
- Disciplinary Tribunal – Dr. Ragnarsson reported that there have been no new cases.

VI. Future Discussion Topics

Suggestions were made to extend invitations to:
- Ms. Maksoud – benefits

- Member hospital presidents – to discuss how to engage their faculty in the Council

Dr. Choudhri suggested that Council hold a diversity-focused meeting that could encompass both ethnicity and gender. Also consider a diversity committee within the Council.