

**FACULTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 5, 2014**

**Representatives In Attendance:** Drs. Aloysi, Ambrose, Baron, Berin, Butts, Choudhri, Evans, Farber, Filizola, Gillespie, Hausman, Krauss, Ma'ayan, Ragnarsson, Shapiro, Stone, Teitelbaum, Wang

**Also Attending:** Dr. Amiraian, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lucy, Ms. Schneier

**I. Mount Sinai Select**

Mr. Lucy, Chief Administrative and Contracting Officer for Mount Sinai Health Partners, introduced Mount Sinai Select, a new co-branded Medicare Advantage Plan offered jointly by The Mount Sinai Health System and Healthfirst, a leading managed care organization serving over one million members in southern New York State. Approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Mount Sinai Select is an alternative to traditional Medicare programs. Coverage -- only for enrolled Manhattan residents -- becomes effective January 2015, and encompasses traditional Medicare benefits, drugs, dental care and other services. 100% participation by Mount Sinai physicians is essential, and as beneficiary enrollment grows Mount Sinai Select is anticipated to become a significant provider in NYC.

**II. Academic IT**

Ms. Anderson, Manager for Discovery Services in the Academic Informatics and Technology Department, described the library catalog migration. The WorldShare catalog system, now live on the web, allows for quick searches of books and e-journals. It has a Google-like search engine and better functionality, e.g., for course reserves and book renewals. Article and book chapter citations will soon be added to the search. Ms. Anderson noted that the Levy Library is evolving from a book check-out model to on-line tools that enable fast information access.

**III. Committee Updates**

- Resources – Ms. Maksoud will be invited to March 2015 Council meeting for early discussion of 2016 benefits.
- Professionalism – No cases
- Disciplinary Tribunal – No cases

**IV. Faculty Council Elections**

Dr. Choudhri led a discussion on elections of both leadership and general representatives. The inclusion of new faculty at member hospitals was addressed, with consideration of gradual integration into the Council and/or outreach. It was agreed that a plan will be developed in the Spring of 2015.

## **V. Institutional Reaccreditation**

Ms. Schneier provided an update on the Self-Study that is in progress as part of ISMMS reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. She noted that numerous Council members have participated, and that a draft Self-Study Report addressing compliance with all Middle States “Standards of Excellence” will be posted on the mssm.edu website for community feedback this month. The Middle States review team chairman will visit Mount Sinai in January 2015, and a full site team will visit in June 2015.