

**ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
Minutes  
March 6, 2013**

**In Attendance:** Drs. Aloysi, Ambrose, Barnett, Baron, Baumlin, Berin, Butts, Choudhri, Evans, Felsenfeld, Goldschlager, Harmaty, Haroutunian, Leibowitz, Rhee, Shapiro, Teitelbaum, Wang; Ms. Schneier

**Guests:** Drs. G. Martin, R. Miller, C. Mobbs

**I. Approval of Minutes**

With the addition of Dr. Butt's name to the attendance list, the minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Council were unanimously approved.

**II. Faculty Council Committee Updates**

Executive Committee:

- Dr. Choudhri reported:
  - The Committee would like to invite Drs. David Reich and Arthur Klein, the new presidents of MSH and the Mount Sinai Health Network respectively, to meet with the Faculty Council in a few months.
  - The authorship/data management discussion at the January Council meeting warranted a broader discussion and prompted the Committee to invite Drs. Martin, Miller and Mobbs to attend the March Faculty Council meeting.
  - The Committee has confirmed that Dr. Haroutunian will serve on the medical center benefits committee.
- Dr. Barnett reported on the 2013 Faculty Council Awards process. Ms. Reid will be asked to distribute the call for nominations on behalf of Dr. Barnett; the deadline for applications is April 15, and candidates who did not win last year are welcomed to resubmit for this year's awards. Ms. Reid will poll Council members to identify the best date for the Awards Ceremony, and will focus on the first two weeks of July.

Resources Committee – Dr. Haroutunian, who now represents the Council on the Mount Sinai Benefits Committee, reported that the Benefits Committee has not met yet in 2013, but he is on the list. He is also working with Dr. M. Shapiro on IT issues – one concern is that Mount Sinai firewalls prevent sharing of data with colleagues outside Mount Sinai; Drs. Haroutunian and Shapiro will address this issue, as well as limits on the size of email attachments, with IT.

Professionalism Committee – Dr. Hausman reported that a subcommittee is currently reviewing a case; interviews have been completed and recommendations are being formulated.

**III. Access to and Use of Patient Data**

Dr. Leibowitz recounted concerns raised at the last Council meeting about the use of data from the patients of other physicians in publications and presentations; at that meeting, Council members wondered whether there is any oversight of these practices and what role the PPHS/IRB might have in the use of data. He introduced three guests:

- Glenn Martin, MD, Co-Chair of the IRB
- Reginald Miller, DVM, Chief Integrity Officer for the School
- Charles Mobbs, PhD., Responsible Conduct of Research Course Director

Dr. Martin explained that the PPHS/IRB focuses on human subjects, not their physicians, and views data as belonging first to patients and secondarily to Mount Sinai, but not to their physicians. Retrospective chart reviews usually require IRB approval, especially if they include identifiable patient data. Data warehouse information is de-identified. Physicians are permitted to self-certify that they are not using identifiable charts. The IRB does not police the use of data, but Dr. Martin noted that if data is misused, it might fall to Dr. Miller and the Research Integrity Committee.

Dr. Miller remarked that in February, the NIH held a conference to address increasing awareness of the potential overlap between IRB and research misconduct issues. Misconduct is defined by the federal Office of Research Integrity as plagiarism, falsification or fabrication of data. Actions which fit the research misconduct definition are reviewed by Mount Sinai's Research Integrity Office; actions which do not meet the definition may still constitute bad behavior that should be addressed by chairs or perhaps by the Professionalism Committee.

Dr. Mobbs noted that both the NIH and Mount Sinai have authorship rules to prevent claiming undeserved authorship. Key is whether an individual makes an intellectual contribution to the paper in terms of the design, conduct or analysis of research required. If not, then one should not be listed as an author.

A discussion ensued in which it was agreed that at the department level there should be agreement of expectations regarding data use and authorship. It is essential that colleagues talk to each other. Many journals have specific guidelines on what level of involvement is required for authorship.

Council representatives considered whether the Faculty Council should issue a statement on this subject. We will explore the feasibility of having Dr. Leibowitz raise the issue at the Dean-Research Chair meeting.

#### **IV. Other Business**

Drs. Reich and Klein will be invited to a future meeting to discuss Mount Sinai Hospital and the health system.

Continuum – If the merger takes place, the Council will need to re-evaluate its representation formula to reflect new sites and larger faculty.