

Medical Center Caucus of the University Faculty Senate

Minutes of the 16 September 2003 meeting

Senators: Adi Haramati (presiding), Kevin Cleary (minutes), Mark Danielsen, Rhonda Friedman, Priscilla Furth, Gabriel Hauser, Robert Glazer, Jeanne Larsen, Marko Moscovitch, Kathryn Sandberg, Aziza Shad, Kate Taylor, Joseph Verbalis

Absent: Robert Clarke, Karen Gale, Anne O'Donnell, Anne Richmond, Luis Sanz, Shyrl Sistrunk, Leslie Walker

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

1. Adi discussed the composition and role of the Medical Center Executive Committee which consists of elected faculty members, administrators, and others. This committee provides a forum for faculty members, department chairs, medical center and Medstar leaders, and other administrators to discuss a variety of issues. Dr. Sedmak indicated that he would like this group to serve as an advisory body to him and openly discuss issues facing the medical center.
2. Adi discussed the Board meeting last week, and in particular, the meeting of COMCA (Committee on Medical Center Affairs which meets quarterly). Dr. Sedmak presented his impressions of his first 80 days. Dr. Sedmak intends to create a strategic planning process that encompasses research and education. Adi also discussed the new composition of the Faculty Relations Committee of the Board.
3. Adi asked all senators to email him if there are suggestions for what the caucus should try to accomplish this year, people we want to invite to the meeting, etc.
4. At the next meeting, it was suggested that we invite the new director of development. This meeting will be Friday, October 17th, in Room 341 Basic Science. It was also suggested that we invite the head of tech transfer, Martin Mullins.
5. There will be a full senate meeting on Sept 25th to include Dr. DeGioia, Dr. Sedmak, and Dr. Drass. There will also be an open meeting on the state of the Medical Center on Sept 29th in the Research Building Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.