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Minutes of the Medical Center Caucus- 04/02/13

Dr. William Rebeck brought the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members present: William Rebeck (presiding), Christine Colie, Mary Ann Dutton, Carolyn Ecelbarger, Rebecca Evangelista, Karen Gale, Alexei Kondratyev, George Luta, Ludise Malkova, Maria Luisa Marquez, Andrea Singer, and Miriam Toporowicz.

Members absent: Parag Bhanot, Mark Danielsen, Ladan Eshkevari, Eileen Moore, Prosper N'Gouemo, Michael Pishvaian, Vanessa Sheppard, Ken Tercyak, and Scott Turner.

Guests: Miriam Markowitz, Lisa Boyle, Rhonda Friedman, Brent Harris

Agenda:

1. Minutes – Minutes of the March meeting were approved with several changes.
2. Update on GUMC Operations – Miriam Markowitz (Chief Operating Officer) gave an update on operations at GUMC. There will soon be key card access to labs, and work needs to be done to make sure the right people have access to the right rooms.
3. Medstar/GUH VP of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer – Lisa Boyle has been in this position for three months, and presented her responsibilities. She is responsible for the graduate medical education program, oversees the professional activities of clinical departments, and runs the quality and safety program in the hospital. She expressed interest in promoting research activities of clinicians, and working with them to make sure that they are being mentored and promoted. She is constructing a position of physician liaison to possibly help with this process and maybe help with the chairs' expectations of faculty. In response to a question, she expressed support for continuing academic and research interactions with Georgetown University to promote the reputation of GUH, but admitted that there were difficulties in getting money through to research projects.
4. Elections – Nominations were received for new senators. There was consensus that more time be provided for nominations because there was confusion about how many nominations were needed for each nominee. Elections should be completed soon.
5. Association of American Medical Colleges – Several faculty members were nominated for the junior member of the new AAMC Council of Faculty and Academic Societies, after an e-mail announcement. The caucus reviewed the names and decide that only one fit the criteria that had been decided on at the previous meeting: a clinician (to balance the senior member who was from a basic science department), and someone with less than ten years experience at any institution (not just Georgetown). Rebecca Evangelistica was voted as the new

junior member. If there had been several nominees that filled the caucus's requirements, the vote would have been opened up to the entire faculty.

6. Committee appointments – More individuals need to be chosen for committees. Two that were discussed:

Research Committee. This committee will become even more important as money is spent from Medstar gain sharing, and this committee is likely the mechanism for faculty input.

Committee on Appointments and Promotions. This committee was thought to be a good mechanism to provide experience for someone who may later be appointed to University Rank and Tenure.

7. Old business – There were several topics that needed to be discussed with the Executive Vice President:

There was overwhelming support for a transparent process of the selection of the VP of Clinical Academic Affairs.

It was felt that the Executive Committee, which has not met in some time, was still favored since it provided a forum for discussion across EVP advisory committees. Furthermore, since its existence is part of the GUMC constitution, it must continue to meet.

The chairs of Biochemistry and Neuroscience are each members of GUMC senior leadership, creating conflicts of interest that may be problematic. The caucus felt that if there are not searches for new chairs, there should interim chairs appointed.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1:37