1. Dean's report - Dean Peter Amenta. Dr. Amenta announced the following awards and events:

- Alan Spotnitz, MD, Professor of Surgery, has agreed to serve as Faculty Secretary for RWJMS effective September 1, 2010. Dr. Spotnitz joined RWJMS in 1980 as an Assistant Professor of Surgery. In 1986 he was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, in 1994 to Professor of Clinical Surgery, and in 1999 to Professor of Surgery. Dr. Spotnitz serves as the Director of the performance improvement committee in the Department of Surgery and as Medical Director of Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Group. We are very grateful to Sarah
Hitchcock-DeGregori for her service as Faculty Secretary for the past two years and please join me in thanking her. We wish the best for Dr. Spotnitz in his new endeavor.

- **Paul Katz, MD,** was introduced as the Founding Dean of Cooper Medical School at Rowan University. Prior to his appointment here, Dr. Katz served as the Vice Dean and interim Dean of Faculty and Clinical Affairs and Professor of Medicine at The Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton, Pa since 2007. Dr. Katz earned his medical degree from Georgetown University. During his career he has held several positions, such as clinical associate at the laboratory of immune-regulation at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the NIH, assistant professor at the University of Florida, and professor of Medicine at the University of Miami, professor and chair of the department of medicine at Georgetown University, and chief operating officer at the Georgetown Medical Center.

- **Anthony Scardella, MD,** Professor of Medicine, was introduced as Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and President of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Group. Since 2007, Dr. Scardella has served as Acting Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Acting President, where he oversaw the implementation of a state-of-the-art electronic health record and billing system, a new approach to managed care contracting and enhancement of overall group function. He has served as Director of the Medical Intensive Care Units at both the University Medical Center at Princeton and Saint Peter’s University Hospital. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he is an experienced researcher and author.

- **Peter M. Scholz MD,** Professor in the Department of Surgery and Physiology and Biophysics, has been appointed to the new position of Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, pending approval of the UMDNJ Board of Trustees. Dr. Scholz holds the James W. Mackenzie Chair in Surgery, the first endowed chair in the department. His research focus is in the area of cardiac hypertrophy and mechanisms of heart failure which has been funded by the NIH and AHA. In addition he has served as principle investigator on numerous clinical trials. He brings this extensive experience and international reputation in basic and clinical research to this new position to support and promote clinical and translational research at RWJMS.

  Dr. Scholz will work closely with our research leadership team of Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy PhD, Interim Senior Associate Dean for Research, Celine Gelinas, Associate Dean for Research and Diane Ambrose PhD, Director of Special Projects to advance research at RWJMS.

- **Mark Anderson, MD** has been appointed as the Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

- UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has received an Institutional Research and Career Development Award (IRACDA) from the NIH to support a new program that provides research training to postdoctoral fellows and prepares them to become faculty whose careers will combine excellence in teaching and research. RWJMS is one of only 18 schools nationwide to receive this award, which supports the new program INSPIRE (IRACDA) New Jersey/ New York for Science Partnerships in Research and Education).
• **Isaac Kim, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Section of Urologic Oncology is the recipient of the 2010 Award of Hope for Leadership in Research and Patient Care from the Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation. Dr. Kim was recognized for his tireless dedication to his patients and groundbreaking laboratory research.

• The **White Coat Ceremony** for the RWJMS Class of 2014 was held on August 6th. This was yet another terrific event to celebrate our incoming students. Congratulations to all involved.

• For many years, RWJMS had an undergraduate medical education curriculum organized like that at most other medical schools. That is to say, a traditional two-year, pre-clerkship curriculum organized according to disciplinary boundaries with basic science courses organized by department.

We have begun the implementation of a new “integrated” curriculum for undergraduate medical education. The new curriculum is designed to:

• improve horizontal integration of the curriculum through systems-based teaching,

• implement learner-centered teaching strategies

• and to increase flexible time for patient contact in the first two years of medical school to more easily allow the integration of patient experiences with the basic and clinical sciences.

• The LCME was supportive of the new curriculum and is anxious to monitor its progress

**Upcoming Events**

• **Boxer Lecture** – November 10, 2010 (Main Auditorium, Piscataway)

• **Save the Date** for RWJMS gala for alumni scholarship efforts (April 2, 2011 at the Heldrich)

2. **RWJMS Admissions Report** - Dr. Carol Terregino

The applications for the entering class of 2010 were down 2%. This was the first year of the smaller class size due to the eventual phasing out of the Camden campus. We matriculated 120 students, 5 of whom are MD/PhD, and 7 of whom are BA/MD students. The mean age of the class is 23; 50% of students are women. Seventeen percent of the class was born abroad from 14 different countries. The class is extremely diverse with 18% from groups under-represented in medicine. Forty-eight different undergraduate institutions are represented; 17% are from Ivy League schools and 27% come from Rutgers University. Seventy-one percent of the class is science or science double majors. Both our overall 3.69 and science 3.64 GPAs exceed the national average. Our mean MCAT is 30.4 with the score for physical sciences exceeding the national average. The 5 matriculating MD/PhD students
posted a mean GPA of 3.62 and a mean MCAT of 34.3.

The following was reported for the Graduate School by Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy

**PhD Admissions 2010**
- 10 Molecular Biosciences Programs Biochemistry, Physiology, Pharmacology, Molecular Genetics, Microbiology and Immunology, Cell and Developmental Bio.
- 3 Neuroscience
- 1 Toxicology
- 2 Biomedical Engineering
- 4 are UMDNJ Foundation Society of Scholars recipients
- A similar number are also admitted via Rutgers

**MS Admissions 2010**
- 1 MS in a discipline-specific program
- 8 MS in Clinical and Translational Sciences - Second year of this program
- 3 MS in Biomedical Sciences - First year of this program - thesis based
- 37 Masters in Biomedical Sciences - First year of this program - capstone based

3. The minutes of the May 17, 2010 Faculty meeting were approved.

4. **UMDNJ Faculty Senate**: Pending vote - Dr. Alan Spotnitz

   The Faculty Senate proposal is up for approval by the faculty. It is in the form of a UMDNJ By-laws amendment but it is unclear if the vote is to approve a submission of such an amendment or merely to recommend to Dr. Owen that such a Senate be developed. Discussion from the floor along with comments from Dr. Lowry and Dean Amenta about the content and procedure resulted in the decision to provide further information to the faculty following the next Dean’s Conference where the matter will be discussed by the Deans of the multiple UMDNJ schools.

5. **RWJMS Faculty Council** - Dr. Alan Spotnitz

   As distinguished from the faculty Senate proposal, the faculty Council is a proposal affecting the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School alone. Discussion surrounding its approval made it apparent that the proposal still needs to go before the University Affairs Committee, which should occur in November. Legal had made some wording suggestions, which were made. A report to the Faculty should be available by the next faculty meeting.

6. **New Teaching Dossier** – Dr. Jerry Langer

   The Teaching Dossier was reviewed by Dr. Jerry Langer on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Appointments and Promotions. This document is required for promotion packages and for appointment packages in cases where the faculty member has already been teaching RWJMS students for a year or more. The Teaching Dossier is a summary of teaching and educational activities and accomplishments, and includes reference to documentation of evaluation and effectiveness of the educational activities. It is generally 1-3 pages in length. Faculty were reminded that more complete teaching portfolios should be maintained, but only the Teaching Dossier is generally required by the Appointments and Promotions Committee. Faculty is referred to the link for the description of Teaching
Dossier on the Faculty Affairs webpage (found on: http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/faculty_affairs/procedures.html). The presentation will also be available on that page as soon as practical. Questions may be addressed to Dr. Langer or to Dr. David August, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Appointments and Promotions.

7. New Business

   Dr. Amenta asked for new business, and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Spotnitz
Secretary of the Faculty