UPCOMING RFA MEETING


Gerald M. Pomper, PhD
Rutgers University Board of Governors
Professor of Political Science (Emeritus)

Friday, November 30, 2012
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Clinical Academic Building
Conference Room 3403
125 Paterson Street
RWJMS, New Brunswick

Dr. Pomper has authored and edited numerous books on the American election and politics, including American Heroes and American Democracy and The Future of American Democratic Politics.

All current and retired faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Lunch can be purchased at CABFARE, the Clinical Academic Building cafeteria that is located next to room 3403.

PLANNED MERGER OF RWJMS AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Governor Christie has signed into law the merger of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and several schools of UMDNJ including RWJMS that will go into effect on July 1, 2013. The Rutgers Board of Governors and Board of Trustees are scheduled to vote on the planned merger at a special joint meeting of the Boards on November 19, 2012. Prior to this on November 6, New Jersey voters approved a bond issue to authorize $750 million in capital construction spending at New Jersey’s colleges and universities.

The planning for the merger of RWJMS and Rutgers University has been proceeding with the appointment of a steering committee and 12 Functional Teams with assigned areas to develop proposals. Questions may be submitted to these teams through the following link: UMDNJ – Rutgers “integration website,” http://ru-umdnjtogether.rutgers.edu/contact-us/.

The link to the main integration website is http://ru-umdnjtogether.rutgers.edu/. The information shown below about the functional teams was copied from the integration website.

Functional Teams

“Rutgers University Provost Christopher J. Molloy has established a steering committee and 12 functional teams, which are meeting regularly to identify issues, establish work plans, make crucial decisions, and ensure that a smooth operational integration is achieved by July 1, 2013. (The focus for each team described on the next page lists examples of topics under review; it is not intended to be an exhaustive list of every topic under discussion.)

Academic/Educational
Christopher J. Molloy (Rutgers)/Freda Zackin (UMDNJ)
Focus: Accreditation, academic policies, faculty employment, graduate programs, professional programs, libraries. (Continued on page 2)
Planned Merger (continued)

**Advancement/Development**
*Carol Herring (Rutgers)*
Focus: Fundraising organizations, endowments, restricted funds, prospect/donor relationships, systems

**Clinical Programs/Affiliation Agreements**
*Peter Amenta (UMDNJ)/Cecile Feldman (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Clinical services and affiliation agreements, faculty practice plans, managed care contracts, clinical faculty affairs, finances, Chandler Health Center, University Behavioral HealthCare

**Communication/Government Affairs**
*Pete McDonough (Rutgers)/Kim Manning (Rutgers)/Julane Miller-Armbrister (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Marketing, branding, stakeholder communications, news and media relations, government affairs

**Compliance**
*Brett Bissey (UMDNJ)/Wilhelmina Curtis (Rutgers)*
Focus: Compliance policies, governance, Corporate Integrity Agreement, compliance and ethics education, academic compliance

**Facilities and Capital Planning**
*Tony Calcado (Rutgers)/Dave Schulz (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Real estate planning, project review, utilities

management, lease/landlord review, document control, space management, public safety

**Finance and Procurement**
*Bruce Fehn (Rutgers)/Denise Mulkern (UMDNJ)*
Focus: University accounting, student accounting, treasury, payroll, tax, university budgeting, grants and contracts, risk management, treasury, internal audit

**Human Resources**
*Vivian Fernandez (Rutgers)/Gerry Garcia (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Labor relations, benefits, employee relations, policies and procedures, human capital management, HRIS/IT, training and organizational development

**Information Systems**
*Don Smith (Rutgers)/Denise Romano (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Telecommunications, central services, identity management, student/financial aid, finance/payroll, research, human resources, clinical applications, contracts

**Legal**
*John Wolf (Rutgers)/Lisa Wahler (Rutgers)/Lester Aron (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Contracts, policies, litigation, integration team guidance

**Research**
*Ken Breslauer (Rutgers)/Kathy Scotto (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Grants and contracts, intellectual property, research technology, federal and sponsored grants, clinical trials, Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, biosafety, technology partnerships

**Student Services**
*Courtney McAnuff (Rutgers)/Susan Nelson (UMDNJ)*
Focus: Student recruiting, admissions, enrollment, registrar.

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**ELECTION OF RFA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

At the RWJMS Retired Faculty Association (RFA) meeting of September 21, 2012, the following officers and committee members were elected:

- **Vice-President:** Michael Gochfeld
- **Co-Secretary:** Ron Morris
- **Paul Manowitz**

**Program Committee:**
- Mary Swigar
- Gordon Schochet

**Election and Membership Committee:**
- Victor Stollar
- Donald Wolff
- Avedis Khachadurian

**RFA Newsletter Editor:** Paul Manowitz
RFA – NOW A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

By Eckhard Kemmann, MD

Well, we made it. After submission of paperwork, delays, more submission, more paperwork, we finally received notification that the Retired Faculty Association’s application as a public charitable entity has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service. Actually, the process was not bad, and some delay was self-inflicted not knowing how to fill out forms as needed. The approval opens up exciting possibilities for our organization. It will allow us to support charitable projects within the context of our organization, and I may recall our purpose from the bylaws:

Article II – Purpose of the Organization

“The RWJMS RFA shall serve to help the educational and scientific mission of the medical school by encouraging the involvement, engagement, and participation of retired faculty with RWJMS in these activities. Furthermore, the RWJMS RFA shall be a charitable sponsor of aid to the medical field and to RWJMS. This association shall encourage a relationship of mutual support between the medical school and its retirees.”

The RFA executive committee does not believe that we should evolve into a situation of augmenting the larger, general fundraising arms of the medical school, but sees us serving in a supportive selective role, perhaps to fund medical students for specified support such as research, educational meetings, or medical missions. Perhaps we can now invite guest speakers from afar covering their expenses. Maybe there is a donor who has a specific intent in mind that conforms to our mission. As I see it, our overhead is zero, thanks to the dues, the support from the Dean and the medical school, and the voluntary nature of our work. The RFA will oversee the charitable process to ensure that donated funds are utilized as specified by donors.

The Global Health Fellowship Fund

At this point, we have discussed giving support to a very specific purpose, namely, the support of our medical students who participate in the global health program of our school via the “RFA Global Health Fellowship Fund.” The Office of Global Health (OGH), under the direction of Dr. Javier Escobar, provides summer programs for first year medical students and 4-week-electives for third and fourth year medical students. Currently, the OGH sends about 50 students abroad annually. The Office screens students and has partnered with collaborative programs in a number of countries, including China, Spain, Peru, and Ghana. There is much interest by students in such electives, but expenses are the limiting factor. Typically, such expenses run between $2,000 – $5,000 per student elective. All donated funds for the RFA Global Health Fellowship Fund will go to the students without any overhead removed either by the RFA or the medical school. Support by the RFA is under discussion with Dr. Escobar and the Foundation. Sponsored students will provide a report of their experience. We see this collaboration as a valuable addition to the educational experience of our students, and we are delighted that we can make this contribution.

If you would like to make a contribution to the RFA Global Health Fellowship Fund or for another specified purpose as a “sponsor of aid to the medical field and to RWJMS,” kindly send a check to Dr. Nancy Stevenson, 444 Harrison Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

NEWS FROM AFAR

Frank Wilson, PhD, retired professor of neuroscience and Cell Biology, writes: “Hello to everyone from Valencia...no, not from the beautiful city on the east coast of Spain, but from a little town in the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania. I retired in May 2011 and after forty years of living in New Jersey, my wife, Alfreda, and I decided to build a new home in the region where we grew up. We moved in August and are now enduring the challenges of unpacking boxes and finding enough room for our treasures. It has been an enjoyable experience for us to return to our home area, explore new shops and restaurants, navigate new highways, renew old friendships and be closer to our families. In October we are returning to New Jersey to participate in the presentation of the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy case to RWJMS first-year medical students and to catch up with friends there. A visit to our children in the Carolinas follows quickly on the heels of the New Jersey trip, and in November we are off to Austin, Texas to attend the U.S. Grand Prix motor race. In December we will find an island beach for a family respite before holiday activities. I often reflect on the years at RWJMS and was there long enough to experience the tremendous changes that have occurred in the medical school, and I am following with a great deal of interest the latest in the evolution of RWJMS and its reunion with Rutgers University. It has been a privilege and a pleasure working with the students and faculty over the course of four decades. I have many fond memories of those years that I carry with me as we embark on a new phase of life.”

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AVEDIS KHACHADURIAN, MD, RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Avedis Khachadurian, MD, Emeritus Professor of Medicine at RWJMS, received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the National Lipid Association (NLA) recently for his work in lipidology, in particular for his landmark research on Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH). The award is the highest given by the NLA and was given only three times over the past ten years. Dr. Khachadurian was the first investigator to demonstrate that in certain families FH was inherited by a mutation in a single autosomal gene. Subjects homozygous for the defective allele had a plasma cholesterol of around 750 mg/dl from the first week of life, developed large xanthomas of tendons and skin, had accelerated atherosclerosis, and died of coronary atherosclerosis at a mean age of less than 20 years. The plasma cholesterol of parents was around 350 mg/dl. The patients had markedly elevated markers of inflammation such as high erythrocyte sedimentation rates and high levels of C reactive proteins and fibrinogen. It took more than ten years for these findings to be recognized in the USA. Dr. Khachadurian also demonstrated that dietary cholesterol failed to suppress hepatic cholesterol synthesis and growth medium lipoproteins failed to suppress cholesterol synthesis in cultured skin fibroblast from these patients. He offered to use this latter test for the prenatal diagnosis of homozygous FH to his patients in Lebanon in 1973. Fibroblasts from one of these homozygous patients were used by Drs. Michael Brown and Joseph Goldstein to demonstrate the defect in the low density lipoprotein receptor. The ground breaking discoveries of these investigators opened the field in the understanding of the abnormalities in lipoprotein metabolism leading to the identification of the hundreds of mutations that result in dyslipidemias and accelerated atherosclerosis.

CHANGES TO THE NEW JERSEY ALTERNATE BENEFIT PROGRAM

A new set of investment options has been added to the New Jersey Alternate Benefit Program. Members of this program may invest in six state-authorized investment carriers: AIG-VALIC, AXA Equitable, The Hartford, ING Financial, Metlife, and TIAA-CREF. Information about these six plans may be obtained at the following websites:
http://www.umdnj.edu/hrweb/benefits/retirement.htm#abp;

As of October 22, 2012, TIAA-CREF has added several new investment options. Information about these options can be found by logging into the TIAA-CREF website (https://www.tiaa-cref.org/public/index.html) and then selecting “Manage My Portfolio.” Beneath the heading, “Take Action,” select “Research Investments.” For example, one of the new investment options is T. Rowe Price Institutional Large Cap Growth.

The following members have paid their RWJMS RFA 2012 dues.

- David Alcid
- Gad Avigad
- Gordon Benson
- Bruce and Mary Breckenridge
- Barbara Brodsky
- Charles and Margaret Brostrom
- Wilfredo Causing
- Jay Chandler
- Jerry Crowley
- Donald Dubin
- Robert Edelberg
- David Egger
- Eric Eikenberry
- Stephen Felton
- Herb Geller
- Joanne Medlinsky Gibson
- Michael Gochfeld
- Norma Greenfield
- Richard Harvey
- Arthur Hess
- Boris Iovich
- Marsha Jessup
- Eckhard Kemmann
- Avedis Khachadurian
- Florence Kimball
- Howard Kortis
- Linda Kovach
- George Krauthamer
- Lourdes Laraya-Cuasay
- John Kuriyan
- Michael Leibowitz
- John Lenard
- Michael Lewis
- Harold Logan
- Gordon Macdonald
- Paul Malatesta
- Paul Manowitz
- Russell McIntyre
- Virginia Mehlenbeck
- Ron Morris
- Sandra Moss
- Robert Pinals
- Irwin Pollack
- Rebecca Puglia
- Alvin Salkind
- Marilyn Sanders
- Gordon Schochet
- David Seiden
- John Semmlow
- Norman Sissman
- Paul Smilow
- Frank Snape
- Paul Stein
- Nancy Stevenson
- William Strohl
- Marian Stuart
- Marshall Swartzburg
- Mary Swigar
- Arthur Upton
- Alan Wilson
- Frank Wilson
- Gisela Witz
- Donald Wolff
- Joseph Zawadsky
In Memoriam
Barton Kamen, MD, PhD; Henry B. Murphree, MD

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Barton Kamen, MD, PhD, clinical professor of pediatrics and pharmacology, and former chief of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Kamen also was an American Cancer Society (ACS) Clinical Research Professor, and was, at the time it was granted, the only pediatrician in the country to hold an endowed professorship from the ACS.

A renowned physician-scientist, Dr. Kamen was highly regarded by his peers and beloved by his pediatric patients and their families. He was known for his warm and amusing bedside manner, using magic tricks to calm the fears of his young patients, and dedicated to providing the best evidence-based treatment to children. Not only did Dr. Kamen treat children’s cancers, he also treated their spirit and always considered therapies that reduced the risk of side effects that could harm learning and growth.

Dr. Kamen’s research centered on folate biochemistry and anti-folate pharmacology, with a recent focus on developing treatment to prevent resistance and toxicity, especially neurotoxicity from therapy. He was highly recognized for his clinical and scientific achievements; authored approximately 300 manuscripts; and served as an editor or advisor for many leading cancer journals and organizations.

His academic career began in Wisconsin, followed by 16 years at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center as the Carl B. and Florence E. King Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics. He joined Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in 1999, and in 2007 became chief medical officer of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for two years, continuing to work at CINJ as a volunteer.

Dr. Kamen’s distinguished work and enviable spirit, which earned the life-long admiration of his patients and colleagues, were highlighted throughout his career at the medical school.

Henry B. Murphree, MD, served as chair of psychiatry from 1978 to 1991. Dr. Murphree was an expert psychopharmacological researcher and physician and an early member of the faculty, joining then Rutgers Medical School in 1968.

Dr. Murphree joined the Navy in 1945 and served for a year as an aviation cadet before attending Yale University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology. He returned to the Navy in 1950 and served in the Medical Service Corps during the Korean War. He earned his medical degree from Emory University in 1959, where he continued post-graduate training in internal medicine and pharmacology, beginning what became career-long research into psychotropic drugs and their effect on the human body. In 1961, Dr. Murphree joined the New Jersey Neuropsychiatric Institute in Princeton as a researcher in clinical pharmacology.

Recruited by the founding chair of psychiatry, Albert Silverman, MD, in 1968, Dr. Murphree was the sixth faculty member appointed to the department and responsible for teaching and research. In 1972, he was appointed chief of service and psychiatric consultation at Raritan Valley Hospital in Green Brook, the school’s first affiliated teaching hospital. In 1977, Dr. Murphree was appointed associate dean for academic affairs, where he served for a few months before being appointed acting chair of psychiatry. Dr. Murphree became chair of psychiatry in November 1978.

Dr. Murphree served on numerous editorial boards and review panels for national organizations. He actively contributed to the expansion of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, as it grew from a two-year to a four-year medical college, having served on numerous academic, steering and search committees. According to a 1983 interview for UMDNJ’s Oral History Archives, Dr. Murphree indicated that he served proudly as chair of the Academic Standing Committee from 1978 to 1992. Dr. Murphree was the author of the school’s first set of by-laws, which he stated in the same interview “took from ’69 to ’78” to draft.

Peter S. Amenta, MD, PhD
Dean
Retired Faculty Association

If you have not already done so, please send in your 2013 dues. Dues are collected for the calendar year. Also, if you like to support medical students to have an opportunity to participate in the Global Health Program, consider donating to the RFA Global Health Fellowship Fund. Please send your check to Nancy Stevenson. Thank you.

RWJMS Retired Faculty Association 2013 Dues

Benefits of RFA Membership:
- Defining, advocating for and publicizing the benefits of retired faculty at RWJMS,
- Fostering ongoing engagement and participation of retired faculty in RWJMS activities,
- Promoting continuing interaction among retirees,
- Providing information and options for faculty considering retirement, and
- Interacting with other academic retired faculty associations (e.g., Rutgers Retired Faculty Association).

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Please enclose a check for a donation to the Global Health Program or $15 for dues made payable to “RWJMS Retired Faculty Association” and mail it to Nancy Stevenson, PhD, at the following address:

Nancy Stevenson, PhD
444 Harrison Ave.
Highland Park, NJ 08904

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Thank you.  

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