Faculty Council Meeting
October 22nd, 2012, 5:30 PM

- **Council members present:** James Denvir, PhD (Biochemistry & Microbiology), Rameez Sayyed, MD (Cardiovascular Services), Ross Patton, MD (Family Health), Shannon Browning, MD (Internal Medicine), Deji Olajide, MD (Internal Medicine), Sona Shah, MD (Neuroscience), Audra Pritt, MD (Pediatrics), Todd Green, PhD (Pharmacology, Physiology, & Toxicology), Benjamin Lafferty, MD (Psychiatry), and Dustin Robinson, MD (Surgery).

- **Council members absent:** Krista Denning, MD (Anatomy & Pathology), Yousef Shweihat, MD (Internal Medicine), Tigran Garabekyan, MD (Orthopaedics), Sydnee McElroy, MD (Family Health), Brenda Dawley, MD (Ob/Gyn), Pat Kelly, MD (Pediatrics), and Bonnie Beaver, MD (Surgery).

- Dean Shapiro welcomed the Council and thanked the members for serving. He mentioned that he will be present at meetings at the Council’s request.

- The Council decided that nine members would be the requirement for quorum.

- The Council discussed the Council’s framework. Dr. Shah clarified that the role of the Council is an advisory capacity to the Dean. The Council will focus on broad issues that are affecting the entire faculty, rather than on the departmental level, e.g. Promotion and Tenure guidelines.

- Dr. Shah clarified that the Chair of the council will have the opportunity to interact with the Dean regularly, and will help provide structure to the Inaugural Council.

- The Council decided to have a Chair and Chair Elect. Nominations were sought, and two members, Sona Shah, MD (Neuroscience) and Todd Green, PhD (Pharmacology, Physiology, and Toxicology) volunteered. The Council agreed to seek nomination from the entire Council, in case anyone else wanted to be added to the ballot. Once the ballot is completed, it will be sent electronically to the council members for their vote for Council Chair and Chair Elect.

- The Council requested neutral administrative support to record the minutes. The minutes will be provided by Carrie Rockel.

- The council decided their **next meeting will be November 15th, at 5:30 pm** to review the Promotion & Tenure Regulation recommendations from the general faculty.