

**Minutes of the House Staff Council  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine**

**February 24, 2011**

Present:	Dr. M. Barghash Dr. J. Chase Dr. B. Coakley Dr. M. Crochet Dr. K. Gestuvo Dr. C. Halverstam Dr. R. Meyer Dr. E. Morency Dr. R. Panara Dr. J. Park Dr. B. Shah Dr. M. Shimonova Dr. S. Sicular Dr. J. Siefferman Dr. M. Walkup Dr. S. Yang	Excused:	Dr. S. Abramowitz Dr. A. Bird Dr. S. Cohen Dr. G. David-West Dr. L. Doyon Dr. B. Ferguson Dr. L. Friedman Dr. J. Galjour Dr. J. Gonzalez Dr. R. Guarino Dr. A. Ikeako Dr. M. Jiang Dr. K. Kemp Dr. E. Ko Dr. H. Koncicki Dr. A. Lim Dr. M. Luttrull Dr. A. Malbari Dr. D. Maman Dr. S. Motivala Dr. K. O'Connor Dr. R. Park Dr. R. Patel Dr. A. Pawale Dr. M. Pilapil Dr. M. Rocco Dr. A. Sim Dr. N. Sun Dr. A. Thomas Dr. P. Vaishnava Dr. A. Yang
By Invitation:	Mr. P. Johnson Mr. P. Williams		

1. Dr. Sicular called the meeting to order and welcomed the house staff representatives. The minutes of the December 29, 2010, meeting were approved without correction.
2. Dr. Barghash provided an update on the activities of the Work Environment and Quality Subcommittee. The subcommittee has been involved in planning for the implementation of the Epic electronic medical record. The implementation was to occur in three phases: Psychiatry and Rehabilitation Medicine were to go live on March 27; Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics and Gynecology on April 30; and the remainder of the inpatient services on June 4. The subcommittee wished to solicit residents' help in providing backup support during the transition to Epic. Participating residents were to be paid \$50 per

hour to provide clerical support (consisting of loading paper-based orders into Epic) on Saturday nights. Dr. Shimonova provided a brief update on Epic user training and scheduling.

3. Dr. Siefferman provided an update from the Resources Subcommittee. The subcommittee was preparing salary and benefits recommendations to be presented to Dr. Dennis Charney, Dean of the School, in a March 2 meeting. In response to questions from Dr. Halverstam, Dr. Sicular reviewed the plan to request an educational benefit that could be used toward a number of expenses, including those associated with board-certifying examinations. Dr. Siefferman reported that the subcommittee has worked with the Housing Office to establish a House Staff Housing Committee to address housing issues.
4. Dr. Sicular briefly reviewed the recent incident in which a resident was robbed near the campus. Mr. Tim Burgunder, Director of Security for MSSM, has been invited to address the Council at its April 2011 meeting.
5. Dr. Shah provided an update concerning the Education Subcommittee, which was developing an interdisciplinary speakers bureau. The aim of the subcommittee was to publicize the list by the end of the current academic year. The speakers, who would primarily be house staff, would be available to provide practical education to other house staff or medical students.
6. Dr. Sicular provided a brief update from the Graduate Medical Education Committee.
7. Dr. Sicular discussed priorities for use of the Council's \$10,000 annual budget. Feedback from Council members suggested that the top priority was a gym that could be used by residents. Dr. Sicular was exploring options for space and equipment. Other priorities included a social event, a benevolence fund, and career development seminars.
8. Dr. Sicular updated the Council regarding a potential medical salvage program. He had spoken with a representative from the organization Doc2Dock, and was to schedule a meeting with the representative and Mr. Wayne Keathley, President of The Mount Sinai Hospital.
9. There was a brief discussion regarding medical student events, including an upcoming clothing drive.
10. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was to be scheduled for April 7, 2011, with further details to follow.