President Michael Barber called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Minutes:** Dr. Barber asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Faculty of September 2005. There were none and a motion was made for approval. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Research:** Dr. Abdul Rao, Vice Dean for Research at the College of Medicine, reported on some of the changes taking place with regard to the reorganization of the basic science departments. The new department names are now official. The basic science departments are now part of the newly established School of Basic Biomedical Sciences, along with the centers and institutes. Dr. Rao updated the faculty with regard to some of the searches that are currently underway, including the Associate Dean for Research and the Interim Associate Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs. Additional information regarding the reorganization will be disclosed at a town hall meeting next week, including the names of the Chairs of the newly merged departments. Dr. Rao also discussed space issues and some options that are being explored.

**Faculty Council Committee Updates:** Prior to the meeting, Dr. Barber asked the Administrative and Policy Committee Chairs to provide summaries of the work of their respective committees since the beginning of the academic year. He briefly reviewed the reports that were received. The Committee on Academic Computing has been placed on hiatus until its purpose and goals can be examined and a decision is made as to whether it should continue to exist. The Bylaws Committee has been tasked with reviewing the Bylaws as they apply to all Committees and finding inadequacies, errors and changes that should be made, including those changes necessitated by the merger of the basic science departments. Dr. Barber’s goal is to have the Committees reconstituted in their proper form by the annual meeting in September.

**Dean’s Update:** Dean Klasko stated that he would welcome faculty input with regard to defining the role of the Committee on Academic Computing, as just discussed. He acknowledged that Paula Knaus will soon be moving over to the College of Public Health, creating a large gap in Faculty Affairs. He will have a recommendation shortly with regard to new leadership for that office and will then seek faculty input as to its role. Last week, significant funding was received for the Centers for Advanced Healthcare,
including $47 million from a bond offering. As the reorganization of the basic science departments goes forward, Dr. Klasko hopes to meet with every basic science faculty member over the next six to eight weeks. He and Dr. Rao will work with the Chairs to boost recruitment. Meetings have been held with the students and plans are in development for expanding the bookstore, as well as expanding the students’ lounge, study space and computing areas and the addition of a student gym. The Dean would also like to explore possibilities for faculty amenities, and he has asked Dr. Allan Goldman and Dr. Duane Eichler to lead a task force in this regard. Dr. Klasko has also asked Dr. Richard Hoffmann and Dr. Gene Ness to lead a task force that will develop a new evaluation of administration and department leadership. He does not believe that the survey used in prior years was a reliable and valid instrument. The Dean closed by thanking those faculty who have been involved in the LCME deliberations.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. A reception followed.