AAUP Takes A Stand Against UMDNJ Imposing Clinical Salary Reductions on NJMS Anesthesia Department Faculty

In spite of an AAUP proposal that: (1) established a fair and competitive salary structure on par with academic medical centers in the Northeast; (2) met the University’s stated budget reduction goal; (3) eliminated multi-year guarantees; and (4) was supported by the majority of the NJMS Anesthesia Department Faculty, the NJMS administrative leadership and the Anesthesia Department’s Interim Chair have ceased negotiations and are planning to impose an unfair salary structure that was rejected by a departmental vote. This imposition would result in: (1) significant salary reductions for current Anesthesia Department Faculty; (2) an increased workload; and (3) a noncompetitive salary structure.

The Department Faculty members have raised several concerns that the NJMS and Anesthesia Department Leadership is ignoring, including:

1. hiring new faculty on a different structure than the one they intend to impose on existing faculty (higher salaries for new faculty);
2. the continuing decline in faculty practice collections; and
3. not recognizing the value of external work experience.

Over the past six months, ten Anesthesia Department Faculty have resigned. If the University follows through on its threat to impose an unfair salary structure, it will likely result in additional Anesthesia faculty leaving with little to no ability to recruit experienced faculty. This will undoubtedly impact on the quality of patient care and curtail surgical services at University Hospital.

The AAUP will continue to play an active role in encouraging the University to address the above-referenced faculty concerns and intends to take all appropriate actions to prevent the threatened imposition.

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