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**RECORDED MINUTES**  
**Research Policy Committee**

**January 8, 2007 Meeting**  
**3:30 PM**

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**PRESENT:**

Amy Arai, Ph.D.  
Carol Bauer, M.D.  
Kathy Campbell, Ph.D.  
Don Caspary, Ph.D., Ex-Officio  
Tim Koschmann, Ph.D.  
Joseph Milbrandt, Ph.D.  
Prema Narayan, Ph.D.

Peter Patrylo, Ph.D.  
Sophia Ran, Ph.D.  
Laura Rogers, M.D.  
Bradley Schwartz, D.O.  
Linda Toth, Ph.D., Ex Officio  
Ko Watabe, Ph.D., Ex Officio

**ABSENT:**

Sukesh Bhaumik, Ph.D.  
M. Steven Evans, M.D.

Mark Francis, M.D., Chair  
Robert Helfert, Ph.D.

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Dr. Francis was unable to attend. Dr. Arai resided as Chair of the meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

The December 11, 2006 minutes were approved.

**Announcements**

Dr. Toth announced that the FDA will be at the School on January 17-19, 2007 auditing SCRIHS. She full cooperation from all faculty as they conduct their audit. In addition, the SCRIHS staff will be committed to assisting the FDA this during this time. Dr. Toth encouraged faculty to be patient if they experience delays when requesting information from the SCRIHS staff during this time.

Dr. Toth stated that Dr. Faingold presented an overview of collaborations by the pharmacology faculty at the Executive meeting held earlier that day. He stressed that illustrating collaboration between research faculty is critical in attracting faculty recruiting to SIU.

I. **Vote for the 15<sup>th</sup> RPC Member**

The committee discussed the need to fill the vacancy for the 15<sup>th</sup> member. They also discussed the vacancies/replacement, which will occur at the end of this term. The committee voted to rank the top three candidates from the list that Dr. Francis had provided to them. This information will be forwarded to Dr. Francis so he can proceed in filling this vacancy as soon as possible.

The committee will continue discussions regarding the upcoming vacancies at next month's meeting.

II. **Discussion of the Strategic Plan**

The committee discussed the Strategic Plan draft. Dr. Toth reminded the RPC that this is in draft form and encouraged their comments. At this time, the strategic plan is in outlined form. Once this is established, creating measurable goals and numbers will be added.

Some consensus comments during the discussion:

\* The draft compiled the issues reasonably well. However, many members feel that the draft does not adequately reflect the school's research mission that this committee has been working towards.

\* Most members are involved in two or three areas of the school's activities - education, research and clinical service. They feel that those three activities are tightly related. Thus, they feel that promotion and expansion of research (clinical and basic science research, educational research) synergistically enhance the school's mission in education and clinical service. This issue should be addressed in the opening statement under "vision".

\* SIU-SOM started as community-based medical school, but one member commented that the school should move on to the next phase, i.e. to become a new center between Chicago and St. Louis for providing cutting-edge medical service. Several members feel that the cutting edge clinical treatment can be given only by an institution with an excellent research environment. For this, Kathy wrote "We fully recognize that basic and clinical research drive cutting edge clinical care."

\* Priority #8. "Centers of excellence - Cancer institute, Neuroscience" should also be listed under "Research". Some members feel communicative disorder should be added.

\* Many members agree that the library issue should be included under "Education priority".

\* The mission statement is written in an abstract manner. Yet some issues are very specific, like hiring the director of Alzheimer Center.

\* Many members would like to confirm that the priority number does not mean the rank order of priority. The committee felt that if the items are order of priority, then priority #6 should be #1.

\* Some member suggested that obtaining grant growth should be strongly emphasized.

\* Several members felt that continued support for currently successful basic science faculty should be stated.

\* Dr. Campbell agreed to summarize the revisions the committee supported strongly. The revisions include:

- On page 1 of 7, in the statement on vision, replace "will complement" with "*lie at the heart of*"
- On page 4 of 7, Priority #2 add Strategy 2.3: "*Increase training in both basic and clinical research skills for faculty, students, residents and fellows.*"
- On page 4 of 7, at the end of the introductory paragraph for patient care add: "*We fully recognize that basic and clinical research drive cutting edge clinical care.*"
- On page 5 of 7, in Strategy 6.2, insert "*, student, resident and fellow*" after "faculty".
- On Page 6 of 7, add Strategy 7.4, "*Expand intellectual property and technology transfer activities and resources.*"
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- On Page 6 of 7, in Strategy 8.2 and in the listing under Priority #8, add "*and communication disorders*" after "neuroscience".
- On Page 6 of 7, in Strategy 10.3, add "*further publicize SIUSOM research*". Also add Strategy 10.4: "*Expand and reward SIUSOM CME and CEU activities, locally, nationally and internationally.*"

- At some place in the document it should have the sentiment. *“We understand that we can produce fully qualified physicians. However, whether or not those same physicians are providing cutting edge clinical care 20 years after they graduate will largely depend on their ability to accurately evaluate and integrate new research developments into their clinical practice.”*
- In addition, the library should be a priority under Priority #1.
- Strongly suggest that a disclaimer be included that the priority numbers do not reflect a hierarchy of importance. It was also suggested that the Strategic plan may be too specific. The separation of the document was a major concern.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm