

RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE

September 08, 2008

3:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Kathleen Campbell, PhD, Chair
Sukesh Bhaumik, PhD
Mark Johnson, MD
Paula Mackrides, DO
Joseph Milbrandt, PhD
Prema Narayan, PhD
Peter Patrylo, PhD
Louis Premkumar, PhD
Sophia Ran, PhD, Vice Chair
Laura Rogers, MD
Steven Verhulst, PhD
Michal Masternak, PhD (proxy for Dr. Liberati)

ABSENT:

Mary McAsey PhD
Teresa Liberati, PhD
Don Scott, MD

Ex-Officio Members:

Sandra Puczynski, PhD, Dir. Of Clinical Research
Development
Linda Toth, PhD, DVM, Associate Dean for
Research & Faculty Affairs

Ex-Officio Members:

Kounosuke Watabe, PhD, Chair or CRC

Chair Kathleen Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm. Dr. Sophia Ran moved to approve the August 11, 2008 minutes as mailed. Dr. Joseph Milbrandt seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Announcements

Dr. Campbell introduced Carol Conover who will be attending the committee meetings to take minutes.

Translational Research Symposium

Dr. Linda Toth was absent, so this item was tabled until she was present to discuss the symposium.

Space Allocation

The question raised was, 'Should Carbondale be included in the review protocol'? If they are, who would be charge of administering the guidelines? The survey was sent to faculty to determine the productivity of the labs in the past year. The survey is to be used to determine how the space is being used, not how to have the faculty become more productive. Carbondale stated that space is becoming tight there, and it is usually the department chair who decides on space. With the arrival of a new department chair and director in the near future, space allocation is unknown. Carbondale will speak to other faculty and report back at the October meeting. Will this be unfair if Carbondale does not take part in the survey? There were no strong feelings expressed. This will be discussed at October's RPC meeting and if Carbondale participates, then a separate subcommittee can be appointed.

Strategic Plan

Dr. Campbell took everyone's input and comments and added them to the document in red type and then emailed the document to the committee members to review. The complete document was reviewed and discussed. A number of editorial changes were suggested. These were recorded by Dr. Campbell who agreed to include them in the document. All suggested changes were accepted by consensus. For some sections, specific RPC members were requested to e-mail final wording to Dr. Campbell.

Dr. Campbell requested that all comments and changes to this document be sent to her attention by Wednesday morning. She would like to have this document in the Dean's hands by Wednesday afternoon so that he has time to digest it before her meeting with him on Friday. Dr. Campbell stated that this is an excellent document. It is positive and well written and she thanked all members for their efforts.

Dr. Louis Premkumar moved to adjourn. Dr. Ran seconded the motion. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.