

RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE

February 9, 2009

3:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Kathleen Campbell, PhD, Chair
James Black, Ph.D.
Mark Johnson, MD
Teresa Liberati, PhD, DVM
Paula Mackrides, DO
Mary McAsey PhD
Joseph Milbrandt, PhD
Prema Narayan, PhD
Sophia Ran, PhD, Vice Chair
Laura Rogers, MD
Don Scott, MD
Andrew Sharp, Ph.D.
Steven Verhulst, PhD
Rodney Weilbaecher, Ph.D.

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Kounosuke Watabe, PhD, Chair of CRC

Sophia Ran, PhD, Vice Chair

Ex-Officio Members Present:

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

Proxy Present:

Julio Capello, PhD for Louis Premkumar, PhD

Chair Kathleen Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Announcements and Items for Brief Discussion

Dr. McAsey moved to approve the January 12, 2009 minutes as corrected (under "Consideration of Space Allocation Subcommittee for Carbondale": As suggested by Dr. Sharp via e-mail: "Biology" changed to "Biochemistry"). Dr. Verhulst seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Space Allocation Subcommittee

Dr. Mike Pranzatelli is unable to serve on the Space Allocation Subcommittee. Dr. Ran made a motion to add Dr. Mark Francis to the subcommittee. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Appointing a Resident to the Research Policy Committee

Dr. Campbell has been approached to see if appointing a resident would be beneficial to the RPC. After brief discussion, it was decided that a resident could receive better research experience in a different forum than serving on this committee. However if residents wished to bring issues to the RPC to promote resident research, the RPC would be willing to put them on the agenda.

Dr. Campbell asked if the following issues listed in the RPC Strategic Agenda Plan needed further consideration:

- 1) Pricing Structure for Laboratory Animal Medicine (LAM) facilities at SIU in Springfield and Carbondale. The rates have been reviewed and are competitive.
- 2) Glass Washing Facility. There are no additional monies at this time to hire additional personnel to staff a facility of this type. Most labs do not report a problem in having lab personnel use the facility.

Items for Discussion

Dr. Steve Verhulst and Dr. Don Scott led a discussion of how the RPC could promote Medical Education Research at SIUSOM. Students are provided opportunities for research involvement from their first year at SIUSOM. It was felt that Medical Education and Medical Education Research are progressing well at SIUSOM. Basic science research is different from clinical research in regard to collaboration for medical education research. Currently there is no basic science medical education pathway like there is for clinical medical education. Some RPC members questioned how many clinicians are truly interested in doing medical education research? Clinicians can be restricted due to time constraints, funding, basic tutorials, faculty development, and tools to be used for assessment. There was discussion regarding the role of the RPC relative to the role of the Department of Medical Education and the Educational Policy Committee. It was decided that Drs. Verhulst and Scott would approach the Medical Education Department and ask them how the RPC could help them promote research. They will contact Dr. Klamen for the Medical Education Department, Dr. Steward for Population Science and Dr. Silverman for Medical Humanities. Another idea would be to have a GOBBL session focus on Medical Education Research: how it is funded, which departments are already doing medical education research, and hold an open forum. All department chairs would be invited to identify someone to represent their department for this session. Dr. Verhulst and Dr. Scott will report back at the March meeting.

Dr. Toth brought up the Federal Stimulus Package for discussion. The monies that will be available will be primarily for infrastructure including renovations and equipment but some funds will probably be for new research. Dr. Toth will share more information as it becomes available. The funds will be available for use from 6 months to two years. These monies will probably be for a one time only grant. Facility Improvement Grants and R21s may take priority in for this package. These grants will require a rapid response. Dr. Toth's office will provide whatever help they can to help PIs with these grants. However, at this time, SIU does not have the personnel to write these grants for the PIs.

Dr. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Ran seconded the motion. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.