

**RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, June 9, 2008**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Kathleen Campbell, Ph.D., Chair  
Sukesh Bhaumik, Ph.D.  
M. Steven Evans, MD  
Dennis Crouse, MD (proxy for Mark Johnson, MD)  
Joseph Milbrandt, Ph.D.  
Prema Narayan, Ph.D.  
Peter Patrylo, Ph.D.  
Louis Premkumar, Ph.D.  
Sandra Puczynski, Ph.D., Ex-officio  
Sophia Ran, Ph.D.  
Laura Rogers, MD  
Steven Verhulst, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:**

Mary McAsey, Ph.D.  
Teresa Liberati, Ph.D., DVM (Proxy appointed but could not attend)  
Paula Mackrides, MD  
Don Scott, MD  
Linda Toth, Ph.D., DVM, Ex-officio  
Ko Watabe, Ph.D., Ex-officio

RPC Chair Kathleen Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. She welcomed the members from Carbondale in attendance via video conference.

Dr. Laura Rogers moved to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Campbell proposed that the Committee not meet in July, but resume meetings in August. However, she requests that the membership be available through email.

**Faculty Survey.** Dr. Rogers distributed copies of the faculty survey that she and Dr. Steve Verhulst had compiled. Dr. Verhulst prepared the executive summary. The response rate was 13%, which is an extremely small response rate for a study. Reminders were sent to everyone asking them to complete the survey. The Committee discussed the survey findings. Dr. Sophia Ran stated that the facilities and equipment at SIU in Springfield and her access to the equipment are top notch compared to other institutions. The comments regarding equipment may have pertained more to Carbondale. Dr. Campbell stated that she will be working on an overall document, and would be working with Drs. Verhulst and Rogers. She welcomes input from the other members and will synthesize it into the document. She also talked with Dr. Dorsey about the survey and has

obtained an extension to September. The Committee agreed to meet in August, but skip the July meeting.

The members discussed "protected time" and teaching loads. Dr. Campbell stated that teaching loads is an issue to Carbondale staff more so than Springfield staff. Dr. Ran stated that none of the researchers have secretarial assistance to help them with manuscripts, etc. Dr. Campbell asked the Committee members to email her any thoughts they might have regarding the final document from the survey. She will keep a list and work on the documents. The document will be circulated for the members' review and approval. This will be discussed again at the August meeting.

**Prioritization of Internal Funding.** The Committee discussed at length the various internal grant funding mechanisms. Dr. Campbell stated that at this time the RPC in May had agreed to keep the new awards including the Concept Development Award, the Clinician Scientist Awards the FAAR, because they are too new to evaluate. Dr. Toth previously proposed "bridge funding" with departmental match. In conversations with Carbondale departments, Dr. Campbell found out that many departments do not have additional sources of income to match bridge funding. Discussion about the bridge funding and near-miss programs followed. By consensus it was agreed to support current mechanisms. The RPC discussed the need for more internal funding for research in light of the current NIH paylines.

**Remaining Issues from CRC/RPC meetings from November 28, 2007.** Dr. Campbell discussed how the RPC should handle the number of years an individual can receive "near-miss" funding. Does the Committee want to implement a policy similar to the CRC, whereby someone can receive funding for 3 out of any 4 years, etc. The Committee consensus was that they would like to have the CRC request that each applicant list his or her NIH grant history and EAM grant history on a cover page as a part of the application process so that reviewers can easily identify that information as a part of their review. Dr. Campbell will work with Dr. Watabe to come up with a format for researchers to list their funding history. She will circulate the draft document for the Committee's input.

Dr. Rogers moved to adjourn at 5 PM. The motion was adopted.