

## RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE

April 13, 2009

3:30 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Kathleen Campbell, PhD, Chair  
Teresa Liberati, PhD, DVM  
Paula Mackrides, MD  
Mary McAsey, PhD  
Joseph Milbrandt, PhD  
Prema Narayan, PhD  
Sophia Ran, PhD, Vice Chair  
Laura Rogers, PhD  
Andrew Sharp, PhD  
Steven Verhulst, PhD  
Rodney Weilbaecher, PhD

### **Members Absent:**

James Black, MD, PhD  
Mark Johnson, MD  
Louis Premkumar, PhD  
Don Scott, MD

### **Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

Ko Watabe, PhD, Chair of CCR

### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

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

Chair Kathleen Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

### **Announcements and Items for Brief Discussion**

Dr. Ran moved to approve the March 9, 2009 minutes. Dr. Verhulst seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

### **Medical Education Research Update**

Dr. Verhulst reported that he met with the Medical Education Faculty on April 8, 2009. They asked for assistance in graduate research and internal and external funding opportunities. In order to help address these issues and help find funding for medical education, it would be helpful to know what types of research medical education is already doing, how it is funded, the amount of the awards, and from what funding source the awards were given. Dr. Verhulst will seek these data and report back to the committee.

### **May 11, 2009 RPC Meeting**

Dr. Campbell will not be able to attend next month's meeting. Dr. Ran will chair the meeting. Greg Rose, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Integrated Research in Cognitive and Neural Sciences from Southern Illinois University Carbondale will give a presentation. Other business to be discussed at the May meeting will be to vote on replacements for retiring committee members.

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

Dr. Campbell distributed a handout on the Research Policy Committee (RPC): Strategic Planning Report that she presented to the Executive Committee on April 14, 2009. It outlined the strategic planning tasks that were assigned to the RPC and the progress to date on those tasks.

### **Future Meetings**

Dr. Campbell asked the committee members to email her with agenda items for future meetings.

## Items for Discussion

### RPC Members and Leadership for the Forthcoming Year

Dr. Campbell had distributed via email a committee roster with term dates. She asked for any corrections to the roster. The following corrections were given: Laura Rogers' term ends 2009; Sophia Ran's term ends 2010; James Black's title needs to be changed to MD, PhD; and Teresa Liberati's department, Internal Medicine, needs to be added. Dr. Campbell then asked if the committee members whose terms would be expiring wished to be reappointed. A member's term is for three years and then a member can be reappointed to serve for an additional 2 three year terms. Terms of the chair and vice chair are two years and they may be reappointed for consecutive terms. Dr. McAsey and Dr. Rogers did not seek another term. Dr. Milbrandt and Dr. Narayan are willing to serve an additional term. Dr. Ran's term as vice chair is ending and she does not seek another term in view of other work commitments. Dr. Campbell is willing to serve an additional two year term as chair of the committee if the committee would so choose. Dr. Campbell then left the meeting to let the committee members discuss the RPC Chair term. The consensus of the members was to have Dr. Campbell continue in her current position as Chair of the Research Policy Committee. Dr. Campbell asked for suggestions for faculty to replace Dr. Rogers and Dr. McAsey. Several names were given and further suggestions can be emailed to Dr. Campbell. A list of suggested faculty will be given to the Faculty Council for the final decision on new members for the committee.

### Presentation by Sandra Puczynski, Ph.D.

Dr. Puczynski gave a PowerPoint presentation on Clinical Research Progress and the Proposed Center for Clinical Research. One of SIU School of Medicine's strategic goals is *to increase clinical and translational research infrastructure, capacity and productivity*. Dr. Puczynski outlined the strategy to develop and sustain a successful clinical research enterprise, what the School of Medicine's research capacity is, what components are missing, and what needs to be done to accomplish this goal. She briefly discussed changes/processes and improvements that have been implemented in the past 18 months. Dr. Puczynski then presented the proposed plan for a Center for Clinical Research (CCR). She outlined the core components, a business plan, and an implementation plan for the CCR. She acknowledged Dr. Milbrandt's assistance in planning and giving expert guidance with the clinical trials core; he gave a brief overview of the clinical trials core. Milestones for the CCR are:

- Increase clinical research revenue
- Increase clinical trial activity
- Improve investigator-initiated clinical research activity
- Promote collaborative research opportunities
- improve clinical research support/infrastructure
- Clinical research training/education.

The CCR will demonstrate value to:

- Clinical investigators and research teams
- Existing research centers (SCCI, Alzheimer's, Vascular, Cardiothoracic Surgery)
- University, Medical School, Hospitals
- Population and region.

At Dr. Campbell's request, Dr. Puczynski agreed to return with another update on clinical research and the Center for Clinical Research in the fall.

Dr. McAsey moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.