

RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2009

3:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Kathleen Campbell, PhD, Chair
Mark Johnson, MD
Teresa Liberati, PhD, DVM
Paula Mackrides, DO
Mary McAsey PhD
Prema Narayan, PhD
Sophia Ran, PhD, Vice Chair
Steven Verhulst, PhD
Rodney Weilbaecher, Ph.D.

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Members Absent:

James Black, PhD
Joseph Milbrandt, PhD
Louis Premkumar, PhD
Don Scott, MD
Andrew Sharp, PhD

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Kounosuke Watabe, PhD, Chair of CRC

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

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

Proxies Present:

Larry Hughes, PhD for Joseph Milbrandt, PhD
Srikanth Vallurupalli, MD for Laura Rogers, PhD

Guest Present:

Connie Poole, AMLS

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

Announcements and Items for Brief Discussion

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

Space Allocation Subcommittee

The committee met last week to review the laboratory productivity surveys. Every lab report documented good productivity and applications for external funding except one. Dr. Toth is in discussions with the investigator and the department chair regarding that laboratory. There is no shortage of lab space at present and no recommendations for changes in lab space allocation were made. The subcommittee made some changes in the current lab productivity survey forms to facilitate reporting in the future. These forms may be available electronically for the next cycle. Dr. Ran and the subcommittee members were thanked for their hard work.

Medical Education Research Update

Dr. Verhulst reported that he and Dr. Scott have meetings scheduled with the Medical Education Faculty in April. They will report back to the committee after their meetings.

Future RPC Meetings

Dr. Campbell reminded the members that at the May meeting new committee members will need to be selected. She also brought up for discussion taking a summer hiatus from RPC committee meetings. The consensus was to table the meetings for June, July, and August as has been typical for the RPC over the years. Dr. Campbell has a meeting scheduled with the Dean and will discuss the summer hiatus with him.

Items for Discussion

Ms. Connie Poole was present to discuss the RPC Strategic Plan as it relates to the library, SIUC's institutional repository, and open access for SIU SOM's faculty's publications.

Not all journals can be subscribed to because of the flat budget and price increases. The last budget increase for library materials was in FY 2007. The last state funded increase was in FY 2002. Ms. Poole is working to maximize the electronic journal access via a link resolver which can be found when doing a PubMed search via the SIU SOM Library link. She presented a handout describing how to perform a search using the link resolver to obtain full text articles. She will be presenting this at the May 13th GOBBL session. She is also working with David Carlson at the Morris Library to coordinate any overlapping journals between the two libraries. Ms. Poole will also be discussing other collaborative approaches with Morris Library.

The idea of fundraising for the library has been discussed. One idea for the use of these funds would be to have a "Just in Time" pool for those needing an article from an unsubscribed journal. The fee is about \$30 to receive a one time copy of an article. Dr. Toth has stated her willingness to help with e-journal access.

Software training was also discussed. The library does do monthly training sessions on software that are videoconferenced to Carbondale. Individual and/or specialized training can also be provided. Faculty members rarely attend these training sessions. Rhona Kelley can be contacted for more information on the trainings available. The library is limited in what they can offer due to: 1) expertise in certain software (Photo Shop training was developed with the expertise of Tom Handy from the ADRFA staff) and 2) the number of multiple copies of the software needed for the training. There has been some interest in a class on statistics software, but an expert in this field is needed to help prepare for and teach the class.

Ms. Poole also briefly discussed Grant Support. The Foundation Directories have not been updated due to low usage. There is a better awareness of the Scientific Editing and Poster Printing capabilities in the library.

Lastly, Ms. Poole presented a handout on OpenSIUC, the Institutional Repository of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. At this time SIUC has invited SIU SOM to join the repository at no expense to SIU SOM. This repository would house faculty research and educational output that would be stable and permanent and able to provide usage statistics. If SIU SOM decides to join OpenSIUC an organizational structure would need to be identified, decisions made on which documents to load, what process would be used, and how to involve the stakeholders.

Ms. Poole then answered questions on the repository, indirect costs, and how decisions are made on which subscriptions are cut.

Dr. McAsey moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Verhulst seconded the motion. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.