

Research Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
2:30 p.m.
Zoom Video Conference
Minutes

Members Present:

David Ford, Ph.D., chairperson
Rich DiPaolo, Ph.D.
Noah Hillman, M.D.
Oleg Kisselev, Ph.D., ex officio
Ravi Nayak, M.D.
Ken Olliff, D.Min., MBA, ex officio
Ratna Ray, Ph.D.
Daniela Salvemini, Ph.D.
Kim Schiel, M.D.
Jeff Teckman, M.D.
John Walker, Ph.D.
William Wold, Ph.D.
Daniel Hoft, M.D., Ph.D.
Yuna Ayala for Enrico Di Cera
John Long, D.V.M., ex officio

Members Not Present:

Enrico Di Cera, M.D.
Denise Johnson, ex officio
Tammy Burton, CPA, ex officio

Guests

Christine Jacobs, M.D.

1. The Minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Charge to the RPC

Dr. Jacobs: Dr. Ford and I have been talking about charge for the committee. A document titled "RPC Charge" from Dr. Wilmott, 11/28/2018 last updated 5/1/2021 was presented.

Comments/Q&A:

Q: Dr. Salvemini: Can you provide clarity on #4 recommending grant proposal?

A: Dr. Jacobs: We will provide up to \$5k, for example, if the applicant is a constituent.

Q: Dr.Salvemini: What is a mechanism for #9? Can we be notified about certain items that we can or cannot share?

A: Dr. Jacobs:

Research equipment: when someone has a request for equipment, they come to the RPC to ask for endorsement. We do not know if this is a priority or not. Let's take a look overall at the requests and review year to year to prioritize funds. There is a website available that shows what equipment is needed and what is available.

Comment: Dr. Ford: Regarding prioritizing equipment requests, the RPC members need to disperse info now to their constituents. We need to know what equipment is needed now. Based on the equipment that is available, the chairmen should put together what is available in their department. This will help research priorities.

Action Item: Each department must compile a list of equipment and send it to Dr. Ford. Dr. Ford will place the list on the website. Please include the status of the equipment such as if it is close to retirement or needs an upgrade.

Q: Dr. Ford: How often do we have internal funding programs?

A: Ken Olliff: This has not occurred with our group.

Added #5 to document: Review and recommend limited opportunity grant competitions.

Q: Dr. DiPaolo: Evaluating equipment ideas, what resources are available if limited?

A: Dr. Jacobs: Treat it like a grant cycle. What is budgeted? Amount of time to submit idea for the year.

Comment: Dr. DiPaolo: I agree, it is a great way to do it. It is important to think about evaluating cores.

Added #10 to document: Evaluate Cores, recommend increase or decrease in areas.

Q: Dr. Nayak: What is workflow for #1.

A: Dr. Jacobs: Inherited from Dr. Wilmott.

Comment: Dr. Nayak: #11, summary of what needs to be disseminated.

Comment: Dr. Ford: Tries to send out recommendations after meetings of what needs to be shared.

Action: Dr. Ford will send out the updated draft of the RPC charter to the committee, and there will be a ratification vote at the next meeting.

3. SOM Research Opportunity Fund

Dr. DiPaolo presented update single cell set up genomics. It is available through Genomics Core and anyone is able to use this technology. This technology has already resulted in high impact publications and has been included on >6 recent RO1 applications submitted to NIH. Student and faculty bioinformatics club has been formed and is meeting to discuss data and bioinformatic strategies on a monthly basis. . Return on investment has already been realized and is expected to result in RO1 funding. This was a very wise investment and should continue to be supported (supplies and startup funds for preliminary data for grants and final data for high impact publications).

Q: Dr. Ford: Users group of students, open to any students? How to apply for club, send a member list to RPC.

A: Dr. DiPaolo: Sounds good, group is organized by Stella Hoft, M.D./Ph.D. student in Dr. DiPaolo's lab.

Dr. Ford, shared document for 3 proposals. Wrote a synopsis. Niloofar Piri, Rajeev Aurora, and Guangyon Peng. Rajeev and Guangyon proposal were good but did not meet expectations. Dr. Piri was good proposal. She is using single cell sequences. Aspiring Clinician scientist in ophthalmology. Revision to criteria: how it will lead to R01.

Dr. Ford: In agreement to fund Dr. Piri?

Dr. Salvemini: Agrees with the plan.

Dr. Ford: All in agreement to fund Piri?

RPC: In agreement.

Dr. Ford presented the Amendment to SOM Research Opportunity Fund document.

Action: Dr. Ford will send out the announcement within the next week but will email it to the RPC members to adjust first.

4. Shared Equipment List

Dr. Ford: Previously covered.

5. OVPR Updates

Ken Olliff working with SOM Research growth steering committee; has been attending weekly meetings with Dr. Jacobs, Tammy Burton, Matthew Christian.

Q: Dr. DiPaolo: Is there a financial model and are these metrics that are achievable? Data based upon?

A: Ken Olliff: Tammy Burton and Matthew Christian would need to elaborate.

6. Other Business

Quarterly newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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