Faculty Assembly Research Committee Minutes
January 13, 2015
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

In attendance
Ann Davis
Hao Zhu
Holly Hull
Jamie Caldwell - Phone
Jill Peltzer
Kelly Bosak
Kelly Robertson

Absent
Allen Greiner
Matt Macaluso

Meeting Convene at 11:50 A.M.

1. Minutes
   Minutes reviewed and approved as written.

2. Faculty Travel Awards
   a. It was decided on the faculty travel award applications with the following
      guidelines:
      i. Cap each international travel at $500;
      ii. For the 17 domestic travel application, we award flight only (no rental
          car and no direct flight for Rene Hodgkins) by using the search results at
          the Expedia website.
      By doing these, we ended up having $175 leftover from our current cycle to be carried
      over to the next cycle (May 2015).

3. Pilot Funding Update
   a. Voting panel met on December 18th and 19th, discussed applications where
      there was an outlier score and where the scores clustered
   b. Council for funding will meet this Friday, January 16th

4. Research Prioritization
   a. Comments are due before the RAC meeting.
   b. Each school is reminded to send comments to Dr. Zhu as soon as possible

5. KUMC Strategic Plan “Discover”
   a. Per Dr Barohn’s request (at RI’s leadership meeting, via Kelly Robertson), we re-
      discussed this past Tuesday the wording for the PR-version (single-page)
      Strategic Plan - “Discover”, mainly the third box. As you probably remember,
      FARC discussed it in the presence of you, Stephanie Webb and Tom Fields in
      September and October. Our current consensus is to change from “Through
      astonishing research in all areas of science ...” to “Through ground-breaking
      research ...” FARC members (5 present out of 7 total) felt that there is no need
to include wording for research prioritization in this PR document, but urge Dr Barohn to use Column B in the detailed plan (available online, also attached) for internal discussion and planning.

b. About Dr Barohn’s question “How does FARC see the KUMC Research Institute in Discover?”, FARC members felt that the boxes B3 and B4 in the detailed plan have a good outline for the role of RI.

6. PRIDE – Summer Program (handout)
   a. Information provided by Dr. Ken Peterson, for Jr. faculty summer program

7. Faculty Research Day
   a. By Feb. 10th, we need to finalize the nominees for 2015 Faculty Research Day speaker. We did not have time nor nominees to discuss yesterday, but we will discuss through email in the coming weeks before finalizing at our meeting on Feb. 10th.
   b. The tentative plan is to target three candidates with a theme that will be different from the immediate past. For your information, I listed the speakers and their keynote title below (Kelly may fill in if she happens to have information). Ann and I will start circulating names among FARC members soon, so please provide your thoughts timely.

i. 2014
   Jean Schaffer, MD
   Washington University School of Medicine
   “snoRNAs: Unexpected Regulators of Metabolic Stress”

ii. 2013
   C. Warren Olanow, MD
   Mount Sinai School of Medicine
   “Prions and Parkinson’s Disease”

iii. 2012
    John A. Milner, PhD
    Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, USDA-ARS
    “Diet and Cancer Prevention: Can Nutrigenomics Assist to Identify Who Will Benefit Most or Be Placed at Risk”

iv. 2011
   D. Gary Gilliland, MD, PhD
   Merck Research Laboratories
   “Oncology Drug Development: Challenges and Opportunities in Personalized Cancer Care”

v. 2010
   Yu-Jui Yvonne Wan, PhD
   University of Kansas Medical Center
   “Retinoic-mediated Signaling in Liver Health and Disease”

vi. 2009
    James P. Calvet, PhD
    University of Kansas Medical Center
    “Polycystic Kidney Disease: Pathogenesis to Therapeutics”
vii. 2008
   Michael F Holick, MD, PhD
   Boston University School of Medicine
   “Shining a Light on the Health Benefits of Vitamin D”

viii. 2007
   Eva L. Feldman, MD, PhD
   University of Michigan
   “Drug Discovery and Drug Targets in Diabetic Neuropathy”

ix. 2006
    David A. Snowdon, PhD
    University of Kentucky
    “Aging with Grace: Findings from the Nun Study”

8. Committee Updates
   a. Research Advisory Council
      i. No December meeting
      ii. Industry outside research – out of state
   b. SHP
      i. Biostatistics survey, meeting to set up results
   c. SON
      i. No new report
   d. SOM
      i. Not available
   e. SOM-Wichita
      i. Not available

9. Closing Remarks
   a. New Dean in place Center Directors moved from reporting to EVC to now Dean Simari. There will be budget restrictions changes. Question faculty are asking, How does this relate to prioritization?

Meeting Adjourn at 1:47 p.m.