Faculty Assembly Research Committee
Annual Report
May 20 2010

Current Members:
1. Ann Davis (Chair)
2. Kristine Williams (Vice-Chair)
3. Susan Carlson
4. Hao Zhu (SAH)
5. Vicki Ross (SON)
6. Ruth Wetta-Hall (SOM)

To begin: We would like to acknowledge the hard work of Valmi Sousa, an active member of our committee, who passed away March 19, 2010. He has been greatly missed. Thank you to Vicki Ross for stepping in.

Standing progress:
1. We awarded the Faculty Travel Funds ($17,000 per year awarded over 3 grant cycles)
2. We conducted Faculty Research Day and Poster Session ($23,000)
3. We selected the awardees for the Research Investigator Awards

Not accomplished:
4. We did not select awardees for the Shared Biomedical Equipment Awards (they were not funded this year)

New business:
1. We attempted to become more active by letting faculty in each school know that FARC is open to their input and would like to hear of their concerns related to research issues that we can voice to administration or help with. We did this by having the representatives from each of the school research committees (SOM, SAH, SON) request items for discussion at FARC at each of their standing committee meetings
2. We have worked with the RAC to attempt to help investigators with record retention supports which differ across the three schools (this is still in progress)
3. We have started meeting monthly so that all new Research Institute Policy proposals put before the RAC can be brought to the FARC for discussion and approval before they are voted on in RAC. This will allow, in theory, each school to have more input into policy development
4. We requested and received an additional $5000 to put toward travel awards for the coming year, raising our possible award total to $22,000
5. We proposed bylaws changes to clarify that we always want a member from the Wichita campus to be on this committee, and that we always want to be active in the RAC