

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2016

Time: 9:00-10:00am

Place: Conference Room A326

Members present: Cyndi Thomson, Kelly Reynolds, Linda Tumellie, Yann Klimentidis, Luis Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, and Htay Hla, (Suzanna Trejo) **(Absent:** Jeff Burgess (sabbatical), Dan Derksen, Mary Koss, Kerstin Reinschmidt, Leslie Dennis, Paul Hsu, Joe Gerald, Heidi Brown, Tracy Crane)

1. New AP Member – Jean Mc Clelland

- a. Jean has joined the RAC to represent appointed professionals

2. UA Profiles/SciVal

- a. Cyndi stated that with UA Profiles in motion, that there isn't a need to duplicate this effort on the CPH website; however, Htay is still working to assure research projects are integrated into UA Profiles and in turn will be listed on faculty web pages.
- b. All faculty webpage profiles will have SciVal and PubMed links (eventually as updates are made) on their CPH directory pages. Target for completion is December, 2016.

3. Research Priorities Survey

- a. AP's skills database update – Jean said that she has been working on this project with IT and discussed the progress so far
 - i. There will be a separate section on the AP's directory pages titled, "skills and expertise" – this is now listed at the bottom of all AP member pages
 - ii. Skills are now searchable in the search box on the CPH website
- b. All members present at today's RAC meeting support this effort for the AP's listing
- c. Cyndi made revisions to the original Research Priorities survey for review and feedback by RAC members
 - i. AP skills list is in the works, but this should be developed to include the AP & Faculty list of established community relations –therefore this item will not be included in the survey.
 - ii. Input from RAC members was provided and a revised survey draft will be developed. The goal is to administer and analyze results before CPH retreat in order to share findings at the retreat.
- d. Email from Jason Yuan regarding a "research retreat for the UAHs – (copy of email provided to members) – suggestions for ideas:
 - i. Marc suggested to present a grant/proposal the PI is considering applying for (to welcome feedback from the group attending)
 - ii. Jean suggested to have a form to complete and fill out with this information

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- iii. Mary suggested that the collaboration has to have some degree of establishing that the PI can “personally” connect at some level, in order to say that you can work with that person and work together
- iv. Jean suggested that the first 15 minutes should have a discussion of PI interests and then break out to meet with potential collaborators
- v. Mary said that an article came out recently that illustrated models that help form alliances with generational differences (ask Mary for the article)
- vi. Cyndi stated that she will ask to meet with Jason Yuan to discuss how this research retreat / “speed research dating” could work. Goal is to enhance new collaborations across the UAHS and perhaps beyond.
- e. Mentoring plan – Kacey Ernst is working on this project, has received feedback from the Dean’s Council, and is now revising and acquiring additional feedback from the faculty before presenting a more final approach.
- f. Cyndi mentioned as an FYI recent meetings with Lewis & Burke a firm hired by ORD to help with representation for expanded research influence for The UA in DC. – They have people who help UA faculty strategize how to “promote” their work in DC
 - i. Marc stated that he met with them last year (when they were here on the UA campus) – he said that once you get in contact with them that they will help bridge the gap with Program Managers to get funding – (they will help to set up meetings to discuss your research)

4. CPH Research Metrics

- a. Research metrics from ORD for CPH were shared with RAC members. Research funding appears to be increasing in past 12 months.
- b. Linda stated that there was a delay in the 2015 year (which 2016 received credit for), therefore the credit or (carry forward) – which is why it looks like such a dramatic increase in 2016

5. IDC’s and UAHS Plans in this area

- a. Dr. Skip Garcia has made a firm promise to help with startup funds
 - i. Linda stated that he gave the entire allocation as indirects, which is the most flexible
 - ii. Mary asked: what is the formula for distribution?
 - 1. Linda said faculty receive allocation of 12.5%
 - iii. Dan stated that transparency would be helpful as to how funds are allocated
 - 1. Diagram it out for ease of understanding – because the formula right now is opaque
 - 2. RCM is still hard to understand
 - 3. Dan stated he assumes most faculty do not understand the allocation
 - iv. Cyndi stated that she prefers to take the opinion of “trust”

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- v. Linda stated that at the annual December CPH retreat Iman discusses this allocation every year
- vi. Garcia's office did a 3-year review of these metrics to design the formula for allocations.

6. Research Culture

- a. Should we even put effort into this prior to distribution of the revised survey as the survey could determine what the broader interest/priority is in this area.
 - i. It's not worth the effort unless there's buy-in from faculty
 - ii. Should buy-out of teaching responsibilities be part of promoting the research culture?
 - iii. Ask Htay if it's feasible to get the survey sent out by the 1st of November – or Cyndi can ask BMSIR to do the survey for a fee

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Cyndi – To get meeting set up with Jason Yuan about research retreat
2. Cyndi – To review & redesign the survey (again?) and forward back to RAC members for edits as well as update the Dean's Council on this effort.

REMINDER: *** Next meeting: **Thursday, November 3rd** – (Regular monthly schedule → first Thursday of the month.)