

2005 Annual Report – USF College of Medicine Committee on Research

The Committee on Research is made up of one representative from each Department in the College of Medicine plus one Medical Student and one graduate Student. The representatives serving on the committee during 2004-2005 were as follows:

Dr. Ali Malek, Dr. Andrew Borkowski, Dr. David Morgan, Dr. David Richards, Dr. Don Cameron, Dr. Frances Sahebzamani, Dr. Glen Pollock, Dr. Joel Strom, Dr. John Tsibris, Dr. Jun Tan, Dr. Kay-Pong Yip, Dr. Kersti Linask, Dr. Maria Kallergi, Dr. Matthew A. Kienstra, Dr. Michael Barber, Dr. Murray Maitland, Dr. Paula Bickford, Dr. Richard Heller, Dr. Thomas Guadagno, Thomas Lendrihas, Dr. Emmanuel Zervos

The HSC Office of Research works closely with the Committee on Research and includes: Dr. Phillip Marty, Sandra Anderson, Jo Ann Moore and Charmaine Disimile.

During 2004-2005 the committee worked on several initiatives related to research at the College of Medicine. The committee also serves as a conduit for Dr. Marty's office to relay information pertaining to research to the faculty. Below are highlights of the committee's work during the past year.

Faculty Advancement The committee has spent considerable time discussing and developing plans to facilitate faculty advancement with respect to research. Topics have included: Incentive/Salary Savings Plans, Bridge Funding/Seed Funding. Research faculty in clinical departments, Clinical Trial issues and Biomedical Engineering.

Research Support/Infrastructure. Committee has discussed areas that are in need of improvement at the College of Medicine. A major issue is the appropriate allocation of space. The COR has interacted with the Space Committee to determine how space should be allocated. There were also discussions concerning expansion/improvement of Graduate Studies, increased support for post-doctoral fellows, recruitment of new faculty and the development of a research cores.

Research Day: Each year the Committee on Research works with the HSC Office of Research to organize Research Day. This year's Keynote Speaker was Dr. Patricia Grady, PhD., RN, FAAN, director of NIH's NINR (National Institute of Nursing Research). Dr. Grady is a recognized stroke researcher. Research Day details:

Abstracts: 144 abstracts were accepted for presentation. 93 abstracts from graduate students, medical students, residents and post-docs were received for judging competition. Members of the research committee chaired the judging committees. Two major awards were presented: the Watson Clinic Award, presented to a 4th year Medical Student for outstanding work and a Best Basic Sciences Award, presented to a Graduate Student for outstanding work.

Calendar: The committee has recommended and the Office of Research is implementing a calendar of events which will include the time, place, speaker and title of seminars occurring throughout the Health Sciences Center.

Peer Review of Grants: A committee has been formed to provide assistance with reviewing basic science grant proposals at any stage of their development. Pre-submission review and editing, budget review, post-sponsor review of comments for improving a resubmission of the grant. HSC Office of Research staff will also be available to assist with this process.