

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Policy Committee
Committee on Research Annual Report
2006-2007

The members of this year's Committee on Research included:

	Term Expires
Basic Scientists:	
Denis English, PhD Neurosurgery	2008
Svetlana Garbuzova-Davis, PhD Neurosurgery	2008
Kersti Linask, PhD (Co-Chair) Pediatrics	2008
Kenneth Ugen, PhD (Co-Chair) Molecular Medicine	2008
Wenlong Bai, PhD Pathology and Cell Biology	2007
Jay Dean, PhD* Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology	2007
Jeffrey Krischer, PhD Pediatrics	2007
Sam Saporta, PhD Pathology and Cell Biology	2007
Clinical Scientists:	
Esteban Celis, MD, PhD Interdisciplinary Oncology	2008
Sarah Cowgill, MD Surgery	2008
Kathleen Rockefeller, PT, MPH Physical Therapy	2008
Enrico Camporesi, MD Anesthesiology	2007
Anne Curtis, MD Internal Medicine	2007
David Richards, MD, PhD Ophthalmology	2007
Richard Roetzheim, MD Family Medicine	2007
Juan Sanchez-Ramos, MD, PhD Neurology	2007
Kenneth Zuckerman, MD DIO	2007
Other Committee Members:	
Chris Leonardo Graduate Student (ex officio)	
**Lynn Wecker, PhD Administrative Officer	

*Dr. Dean appointed in 2006 to complete term of Dr. Eric Bennett, expiring in 2007

** Dr. Wecker stepped down from her position in March 2007.

Composed of one member from each Department of the College and the senior administrative officer responsible for research affairs. Students are ex-officio members.

At the October meeting, the Committee on Research (COR) decided upon issues that needed to be addressed in the upcoming academic year's committee meetings. These included IACUC processes, research compliance, comparative medicine, and the support of postdoctoral fellows and graduate students. It was decided University staff dealing with these various aspects of the College of Medicine will be invited to our meetings to open up dialogue and to develop together means and processes that will facilitate and enhance the USF research environment. Dr. Wecker the Associate Dean for Research also provided items that she would like to have discussed at the COR meetings. These included input on Core facilities and to help with prioritizing the list of items of equipment and cores that are needed with COM. Also input on what items to add into the research directory that was being planned. Faculty input and canvassing of respective departments for additional input was provided to Dr. Wecker.

Old Business from previous year was acted upon: A document regarding *Guidelines for Allocation Of Grant Funds For PIs And Co-PIs With Respect To Aims And Other Quantitative Measures Of Faculty Performance*. The previous College of Medicine Committee on Research had drawn up guidelines on the issue of how to allocate the credit for grant funds when multiple investigators collaborate on the grant. These guidelines had not been passed out of the Committee. It was decided that these Guidelines be presented to the Faculty Council for general approval and this was accomplished.

The closure of the Machine Shop at COM was discussed and the procedure for use of the shop at the College of Engineering was clarified.

Drs. Gower and Engelman were invited to the January meeting to provide an overview of IACUC requirements and forms. The IACUC forms and manner in which areas could be simplified was discussed. Input from the faculty was noted on many items. It was generally agreed that faculty are not as informed as they might be concerning policies and procedures even though most information is posted on the comparative medicine web pages. It was also noted that the IACUC meetings can be attended by anyone, as it falls under the "Sunshine" rules. As a result of this dialogue, Comparative Medicine organized a subsequent meeting open to all faculty and staff who work with animals to provide further information about federal regulations, procedures, and to answer questions.

As in the past, the faculty on the COR helped with judging posters on Research Day.

Dr Szekeres, as the new Flow Core Facility Manager, was introduced and updated the Committee about progress in this facility and new ideas that he has to make these successful. This elicited discussions and suggestions from the faculty members. Dr. Wecker also announced to the Committee that she is no longer serving as the Associate Dean for Research due to a restructuring of the Research Department at USF. Dr. Rao will be in attendance at the meetings in the future. Also Dr. Linask was invited to the Research Cabinet meetings to serve as a liaison between COR and the administration, Signature Program directors, and COM Department heads to provide input from the Committee on Research and to keep COR and faculty members aware of research related issues and activities talked about at the Cabinet meetings.

Drs. Rao and Klasko attended our COR meetings in the spring and handled questions from the Committee on the restructuring and relationships with other research entities, including Moffitt.

Dr. Michael Barber attended the June 28, 2007 meeting and provided an oversight of the reorganization within the Graduate Program and Postdoctoral Fellow related issues. Dr. Barber updated the committee on Certificate and graduate programs, including the MD/Ph.D. program. The Marketing efforts of the programs has resulted in a record number of applicants this year, with over 200 applicants for the Masters program and 55 for the Ph.D. COR provided input on several aspects to consider in relation to the graduate student and suggested information to include on websites. The Committee would like to see Postdoctoral Fellows treated as trainees, rather than faculty. They suggested creating training classes in grant-writing, research ethics, and alternative career paths for Postdocs. It was also suggested that Human Resources set up help sessions for postdoctoral fellows with faculty and industry position applications in regards to CV preparation and mock interviews. It was also suggested to include a site where faculty can post position openings in their research laboratories for students and postdoctoral fellows