

**MINUTES: Research Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**  
**Time: 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM**  
**Location: D3-39A**

**Faculty Present:** Drs. Robert Burne, Mary Ellen Davey, Marcelle Nascimento, Joseph Riley, Wellington J. Rody, Jr. and Shannon Wallet

**Faculty Absent:** Dr. Valeria Gordan

**Staff Present:** Kathy Galloway, Denise Webb and Beverly Davies (recorder)

AGENDA	Discussion	Action
<b>Welcome</b>	Dr. Shannon Wallet – welcome	No Action.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	The February 26, 2014 Research Committee (RC) meeting was cancelled.	
<b>Information Sharing and Updates</b>	1) Spring Synergy Speakers  2) Name change for Dean’s Seminar Series	1) Dr. Burne polled the committee regarding a guideline for Spring Synergy speakers and questioned whether it’s appropriate to have 1) A Keynote Speaker, 2) Highlight two UFCD faculty members, 3) Invite a local speaker or 4) Rotate between options 1 through 3. The committee felt a rotation between options 1 through 3 would be the best course of action.  2) Dr. Burne polled the committee regarding changing the name for the “Dean’s Seminar Series” to something more reflective of the program. The committee discussed and was supportive of the name being changed to “Distinguished Scientist Lecture Series”. Dr. Burne will discuss the proposed name change with the Dean.  It was also suggested that recognition can be given to speakers in the form of a plaque or certificate suitable for framing.

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<b>Old Business</b>	1) Katz Seed Grant	1) Dr. Wallet will combine comments into one document and provide to Dr. Burne.
<b>New Business</b>	1) Research Honors applications SharePoint: FY2013-2014/Research Honors/2014 Research Honors Package  2) Spring Synergy Oral Presentations SharePoint: FY2013-2014/ Other documents/2014 Spring Synergy App_Oral  3) Summer Research Program applications SharePoint: FY2013-2014/Summer Research Program/2014 Summer Research Package	1) Dr. Wallet shared an overview of the program for the new members and as a refresher including the delineation between Research Honors and High Research Honors. A question was raised as to whether a CV is required. Currently a CV is not required but it was agreed that having one could be helpful. Dr. Wallet asked the committee to send her any suggestions for possible revisions to the program next year.  Three students applied this year. The committee unanimously voted to award High Research Honors to all three students.  2) This year more oral presentations were submitted than time will allow for. The committee discussed in length and agreed that a couple of the oral presentations were more appropriate as a poster presentation and the length of time for each oral presentation and Q&A session was decreased. Dr. Burne provided an overview of the award categories.  3) Dr. Burne shared an overview of the program and answered questions for the new members and as a refresher. The deadline for applications was March 14 <sup>th</sup> . Thirteen students applied. The committee agreed that there should be a target of eight accepted to the program with up to ten

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		<p>based on adequate applicants and mentors. A list of students, with limited information, will be sent to the committee for ranking. Dr. Burne discussed the ranking system and requested committee members return the ranked sheets to him. The next committee meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> and the committee will pair students with mentors at that meeting.</p>
	<p>4) Synergy Judges</p> <p>5) Use of funded faculty effort to hire replacement faculty</p>	<p>4) Dr. Wallet asked for volunteers to judge. A suggestion was made to allow Senior Ph.D. students, 4<sup>th</sup> Year dental students and Post-docs to serve as judges. This will be taken into consideration next year. Due to the small number of posters entered, it was determined that there were enough judges.</p> <p>5) The Survey of Clinical Research and IT needs has consistently identified support for clinical research lacking, with specific concerns related to salary savings on grants (SSOG). The committee's action related to this issue is to write a letter to the Dean. Dr. Wallet will draft a letter and circulate to the committee for recommendations.</p> <p>Dr. Burne suggested committee members attend interviews for new UFCD Dean.</p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.</p>	

**NEXT Research Committee Meeting: April 16, 2014, 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM Room D3-39A**