

MINUTES: Quarterly Researcher's Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Location: D3-39A

Faculty Present: Drs. Robert Burne, Ikramuddin Aukhil, Valeria Gordan, Jacqueline Abranches, Jose Lemos, Fong Wong, , Marcelle Nascimento, Robert Caudle, Lakshmyyya Kesavalu, Kevin McHugh, Roger Fillingim, Ann Progulske-Fox, Gill Diamond, Joseph Katz, Clay Walker, Edward Chan, Jeannine Brady, and Jean Francois- Roulet

Staff Present: Kathy Galloway and Denise Webb (recorder)

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Welcome	Dr. Robert Burne introduction of Dr. Irene Cooke, Assistant Vice-President for Research and Director of Research Compliance, from the Division of Sponsored Program, Office of Compliance.	
Q & A with Dr. Irene Cooke	<p><u>Dr. Cooke:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here to listen to key issues of concern and feedback from UFCD researchers • Will take questions and concerns back to DSP to research solutions, if possible. • Would like to follow up annually with the Quarterly Researcher's group so that she can provide updates on accomplishments and resolicit new concerns or issues. This will help ensure that our UF Office of Research priorities are aligned with faculty needs. <p>First question asked was regarding the time frame taken to obtain IRB and IACUC approvals and what is happening in the interim.</p> <p>As a primarily research faculty, I am concerned with the increase in Compliance issues that we have to face. There has been discussion regarding differences in the federal/state requirements and the requirements placed by our university administration. The "extra" requirements placed by our university needs to be justified. What is our university policy in compliance with respect to extra requirements? Is there input from faculty? Are there any serious efforts in minimizing the effects to research? My opinion is that both IRB/IACUC are over doing things and making lives difficult for basic researchers. For example, when</p>	Dr. Burne and/or Dr. Cooke will contact Dr. David Nelson about some of these issues and concerns.

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	<p>I propose to perform a set of experiments in mice using an established mouse model and every time I submit a IACUC protocol, it will be reviewed by a new group of IACUC members and they do not (have no obligation to) consider what was decided in the previous approved protocol. I will likely have to spend at least an extra hour waiting on them during the committee meeting to come up with some obvious comments that could have been fixed by email exchanges. This is an example that I see over and over again wasting faculty time and energy.</p> <p><u>Dr. Cooke:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRB issues are not unique to dentistry. A task force has been put together to look at these concerns. Issues are being reviewed with students. International concerns have become a very large issue. Dr. David Nelson, MD, Director, UF Clinical and Translational Institute, Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical Research, College of Medicine, and Assistant Vice President for Research, UF Office of Research, is the chair of this task force. • Stephanie Gray is working on a new system for submitting proposals and there will only be three components asked, they will include IRB, IACUC, and Disclosure. All other compliance questions will be taken away. • The Division of Sponsored Programs, Office of Compliance is working on updating training list and links. Safety training was one of the concerns from the faculty present at the meeting. • Dr. Cooke invites faculty members to send email offering suggestions to help improve the process. <p>Another question from the UFCD research faculty</p> <p>We, UFCD oral biology faculty, have a joint grant that was approved by DoD (Department of Defense) about a year ago. So far, we have been working on IRB approval from the VA and IRB approval from our</p>	

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	<p>university. As of today, I am still waiting for the formal signature from the VA (pending UF IRB approval) before sending the whole package to the Department of Defense IRB for approval. At the present, we have not done a single experiment nor will we receive any funds from the Department of Defense until all this is done. Keep in mind that we are not planning to do any dangerous experiments to our subjects.</p> <p><u>Dr. Cooke:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Institutional Review Board is looking to hire more people to take on shorter submissions such as renewals, etc. to allow the IRB committee to direct their focus on the submission of new projects. • Dr. Cooke mentioned the possibility of an IRB sub-committee being put together and if there were interested parties within our college researchers group. • IACUC, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has an advisory board which has been inactive for several years. <p>Concerns from some of the UFCD researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest concern is the time it takes to get approvals through IRB and IACUC. The time and money that is lost while waiting for approvals is undeniable. • Concerned that the IRB committee is judging the science instead of looking for the safety issues that may arise on the project. Also, to keep in mind that the project would not have received funding if it were bad science. • Takes too much time and effort to add a student to a researcher's project. Sometimes three fourths of the day is used to complete the paperwork. 	<p>Dr. Burne will correspond later with Dr. Cooke to make suggestions of possible IRB sub-committee members from UFCD</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can contact the UF Institutional Review Board and get answers but when trying to contact the Institutional Review Board committee, problems arise. The concern is that the IRB committee doesn't require qualified members to serve on the committee. • Faculty are aware that IRB and IACUC approvals for research are required but are concerned about the process of a RAC office review which is not required, and it being a waste of time and resources from the principal investigators. • Concerned about the time that is taken for UFCD courtesy faculty, who are volunteering their services, to complete the training requirements before they can begin. • There are several emergency eye wash units throughout the College of Dentistry building but they are unable to be utilized or tested due to missing drains. <p><u>UFCD researcher's suggestions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instead of approving/declining projects as they are submitted, it would improve this process by prioritizing each project instead. • It would be beneficial for the Institutional Review Board to have SOP's, Standard Operating Procedures. 	
<p>Research Bonuses</p>	<p>Concern: Using indirect costs for bonuses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Burne would like to see our college implement a model in which salary savings on grants can be used. We should invest more into seed grants, bridge funding, and start up packages. • UFCD's bonus plan is the most robust plan at the University of Florida as well as other universities.. 	<p>Suggestion was made to have an open discussion meeting and make a list of ideas on how to formulate a consensus of principals to help create a fair, global compensation plan to which Dean Garcia will be looking at in the near future.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a large need for a true savings bonus plan instead of continuing to use IDC funds. 	
Update on Faculty Searches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is one candidate within the Cancer Biology search that we are likely to extend an offer to. Dr. Edward Chan serves as chair of the Cancer Biology search committee. There have been no formal offers made to any candidates from the Oral & Craniofacial Biology search as of this time. Dr. Jeannine Brady chairs this search committee. Dr. Garcia will possibly regroup and have more targeted types of recruitments. 	
Other Items for Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAC Office could possibly be revamped into a clinical trials office and completely getting away from the "gotcha" mode and into a facilitator/navigator mode. This decision is sitting at the highest level for approving at this time. 	Dr. Burne advised all to send him any suggestions, ideas, or questions that he could follow up on with Dr. Irene Cooke and get her feedback.
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at promptly 1:00 p.m.	

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in D3-39A