MINUTES: Research Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
Time: 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM  
Location: D3-39A

Faculty Present: Drs. Jacqueline Abranches, Robert Burne (ex-officio), Edward Chan, Ana Dias Ribeiro, Bernadett Papp, and Joseph Riley  
Faculty Excused: Dr. Saulo Geraldeli  
Student Representative: James Jang, DMD/PhD candidate and President of UFCD Student Research Group  
Staff Present: Kathy Galloway (recorder)

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<td>Approval of Minutes</td>
<td>The minutes for the November 28th, 2018 meeting were approved and posted.</td>
<td>The November agenda and minutes have been sent for posting. It includes information shared, updates, and decisions made via email by the entire committee: <a href="http://dental.ufl.edu/about/administration/shared-governance/committees/research-committee/">http://dental.ufl.edu/about/administration/shared-governance/committees/research-committee/</a></td>
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| Old Business                         | Status of Seed Grant Applications:  
The seed grant applications are reviewed by committee members, discussed, and then voted upon. Dr. Burne, as Associate Dean for Research, makes the final determination regarding funding.  
The primary purpose of the seed grant program is to generate external funding; however, student seed grants are not necessarily expected to generate external funding, but rather offer students an opportunity to conduct research.  
Dr. Burne reminded the committee that seed grant reviews and discussions are confidential. As a student representative, James may only observe the process. | Funded: TSI award to Dr. S. Mishra and student seed grant to Ionna Borissova (Dr. J Neubert, mentor). Not Funded: Dr. J Frias-Lopez’ seed grant proposal was not funded at this time. Review comments were forwarded to Dr. Frias-Lopez with suggestions for revisions. |
| New Business; Information Sharing and Updates | Vice Chair: Dr. Riley related that the College constitution states that committee vice chairs do not automatically become chair. The chair position must be voted upon.  
Student Feedback: As student representative, James provided the committee with valuable comments: | Dr. Abranches is the current vice chair. The committee will hold a vote next year to confirm her position as chair. |

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| • Students may perceive that Research Honors pertains to coursework; however, the designation is earned through completing a research project with a mentor.  
• Suggested that travel funds be set aside for research track students, perhaps by moving budget from the summer program. Research track students have more research experience thus AADR conference would be beneficial, while Summer students may not take full advantage of the AADR seminars. Consider implementing an internal competition for AADR sponsorship.  
• How do students continue research activity after the summer program ends?  
Outcome Measures: The committee reviewed the FY 17-18 research outcome measure report. Dr. Riley will include the measures in the annual committee report. Due to the length of the report, the committee reviewed specific data: student research program participation, NIH rankings, collaborations, external funding resulting from internal programs (e.g. seed, bridge, start up), research FTE, proposal success rates and award funding. | The committee will review the research honors website and provide feedback for clarification: [https://research.dental.ufl.edu/student-resource/research-honors-high-research-honors-awards/](https://research.dental.ufl.edu/student-resource/research-honors-high-research-honors-awards/) | Kathy will provide a breakdown of external funding amounts resulting by specific internal program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**NEXT Research Committee Meeting:** February 27, 2019, 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM Room D3-39A