

**UNDSMHS Research Committee**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2021**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

The attendance roster is attached.

	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action/Follow-up</b>
<b>Call meeting to order/welcome new members</b>	Meeting began at 1:00 pm via Zoom.	
<b>UND SMHS Strategic Plan (refer to memo from Dean Wynne)</b>	<p>Dean Wynne has asked that we review and discuss the UND SMHS Strategic Plan. The VPR is currently creating some recommendations for what he overall university's research goal might look like. The Research Committee's goal, as one of the main drivers of research, is to build our research capacity. One of Dean Wynne's goals was to grow research at SMHS by 10% on a rolling average. Historically, we have been growing on a rolling average of around 5%. Last year we had a very successful year and we received 30.6 million in extramural funding and we predict that this year will be even better. Dr. Basson added that is not up to he and Dean Wynne to change the strategic plan because the plan is owned by the faculty. However, having the same goal as Dean Wynne is conducive and he would not suggest reducing our goal if Dean Wynne's goal remains the same. Under President Armacost's leadership, his discussion with Dean Wynne were as such that he would be very satisfied is the SMHS continued to grow research by 5% annually. Dean Wynne and Dr. Basson agreed that now this topic should be brought to the Research Committee and let this group weigh in and make a recommendation to FC. Dr. Warne inquired about what the 10 year trench of SMHS looks like. Over the last few years, the rolling average has been 5% and going back more the five years, the average was lower. Dr. Nechaev asked for clarification on what and how we should communicate to the faculty or speak on the faculty's behalf in regarding to doing x percent extra. Dr. Basson clarified that overall goal of the university is to increase research. There are a few ways to do that a) asking people to write more grants and work at getting increased funding, and b) recruit new faculty which we have been doing in the last few years. For example replacing those that have retired or as Dean Wynne supports, adding new faculty. As this can occur easier, when there is more funding from grants, etc. that faculty have their salaries covered from. Additionally, the goal of growing research doesn't always mean fiduciary, it is also about gaining new knowledge. Dr. Schroeder added that when considering research growth, dollars</p>	<p>Dr. Geiger made a motion to recommend to FC that they decrease the benchmark from 10% to 5% in the strategic plan. Dr. Sens seconded the motion.</p>

	<p>vs. production, for example her area in rural health have many grants that have to be labeled as programs and bring in quite a few dollars, but are not technically research dollars, but they do support an individual that is publishing and how can these situations be addressed. Dr. Basson added that one way to look at it is through research expenditures and we are now able to capture this through your Page 2's. So this group could look at tracking and growing research through research expenditures or propose a second metric to track the other research efforts. Dr. Geiger that in regard to metrics, this should be left at the department and department chair level. With the metric for growth and the 10% mark, Dr. Geiger suggests that it makes more sense to parse it out by funding and/or by college. And if the current administration and our Dean support reducing to a more realistic percentage of 5%, we should agree with that decision and reduce. Drs. Geiger and Schroeder agreed that it make sense, in discussing this metric, to reduce to the 5%. Dr. Geiger also added that this is only one portion, we are really talking about research and scholarly activity. Dr. Schwartz added that giving the faculty a goal in order to reach the 5% or 10% could be helpful. For example, requiring faculty to submit a certain number of papers due to the law of large numbers approach. Dr. Basson also reiterated that all of these suggestions are valid; however, the system as a whole is not expecting each individual to grow by 5, 10% each year, rather as a collective growing by whatever percentage is decided upon. Dr. Sens proposed that we can a consensus, motion from this group now if they want to support the 10% or reduction to the 5%. Nicole added that there has been strides taken in the UK to incorporate social impact metrics in additional to research metrics.</p>	
<b>Frank Low Research Day</b>	<p>Still waiting on a final decision from the proposed speaker. Other than that, we should decided soon on sending out a Save the Date notice and perhaps the Call for Abstracts and how we are going to handle that this year. Dr. Schroeder added that at one national conference, poster sessions were recorded in 10 minute videos and people could view them at any time. Then the individual has to be available at a scheduled time for any kind of Q and A. The committee will continue to discuss and add to future agendas on the formatting of Frank Low.</p>	<p>Heather will confirm with the speaker's assistant on if he is still scheduled for this event.</p>
<b>Other/Informational</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	No announcements were noted.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.	

Submitted by Heather Jensen

**2019-20**  
**Record of Attendance**  
**Research Committee**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>3.28.19</b>	<b>5.10.19</b>	<b>7.18.19</b>	<b>8.20.19</b>	<b>10.15.19</b>	<b>11.19.19</b>	<b>12.17.19</b>	<b>1.28.20</b>	<b>3.17.20</b>	<b>5.19.20</b>	<b>8.25.20</b>
Mac Dyke	2020	A	T	A	T	E	A	A	P	P	A	A
Jamie Foster	2021	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jonathan Geiger	2020	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Mishra Golovko	2020	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	A
Othman Ghribi	2022	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Sergei Nechaev	2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gary Schwartz	2022	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Seema Somji	2020	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Shawnda Schroeder	2022			P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Donald Sens	2022			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Donald Warne	2022			A	A	A	A	P	A	P	P	P
Masfique Mehedi	2022			E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>Advisory Members</b>												
Basson, Marc (Sr. Assoc. Dean for Medicine and Research)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ruit, Ken (Assoc. Dean for Education and Faculty Affairs)		E	A	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
<b>Support Staff</b>												
Heather Jensen		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

P=Present      E=Excused  
A=Absent  
T = Teleconference  
V = Videoconference