

Research Committee Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2022
10:00 am via Zoom

All attended.

Meeting began at 10:00 am on March 31, 2022

Agenda 1: FLR day:

- A. Updates from Dr. Foster: Total submitted posters 51, he also mentioned number of abstracts from each department
- B. Heather will advertise poster related information and will take care of abstract submission and handling process.
- C. More judges are needed: Heather may recirculate judges' request.
- D. Keynote speaker from NIH has confirmed
- E. **One Core Director poster abstract has been received and agreed to be included in the FLRD. It prompts to request for other Core Directors whether they are similarly interested to submit a poster.**

Dr. Warne mentioned the Indigenous Trauma and Resilience COBRE virtual meeting on April 22, 2022 which will have a panel of very good speakers (see the flyer). As previously agreed, both FLRD and COBRE meeting circulate their flyer to the attendees and email circulation.

2. Dr. Basson's updates:

- a. Endowed chair for clinical research: Search is being started. By fall, we may hope to start seeing candidates visit.
- b. DaCCoTA CTR now has a broader scope (it is no longer limited to cancer research). It can extend funding for any disease or host-pathogen research as pilot funding.

3. REMS (Sarah Sletten): 66 Students have been placed for laboratory research in different laboratories.

Clarification on funding for case report submission to a journal: As a few students reached out to Sarah inquiring on whether the SMHS can fund case report submissions. It has been encouraged that most journals primarily charge for publication not for submission. However, there submission fees in some cases which can be charged by a journal to reduce incomplete submission.

Sarah suggested (agreed by Dr. Basson), "\$2,000 for student research" is the general language when mentioning student research funding in the UND SMHS. Dr. Bason explained to the committee the importance and relevance of student research in the program.

4. Dr. Warne brought up a potential issue that a faculty member is facing related to the clinical research initiative. Particularly, Nicole Redvers was not able to access and submit clinical grant related information on the clinicaltrial.gov website. UND has not been keeping it's account active on the clinicaltrial.gov website. Therefore, necessary steps need to be taken for the UND's active account.

Dr. Basson acknowledges the issue and praised Nicole for taking initiative to set up a first clinical trial research at UND. Dr. Basson will promptly work on resolving the issue, as he contributed to the success of setting up a single IRB system at UND, which is important for NIH funding.

5. Pilot grant: Dr. Foster overseeing the current pilot grant proposals for distributing to the reviewers with the help of Heather.

- a. Research committee members who applied should recuse themselves.
- b. If additional reviewer is necessary, then Dr. Basson will reach out to Biomed. Dept. Chair
- c. Reviewer will submit NIH style review and discussion will be as NIH study section.
- d. Dr. Basson will take the grant scores to the Dean for funding according to the Dean's office
- e. Dr. Basson highlighted the recruitment of Tammy Frohlich, the new Grant Writer . Tammy can help with grant writing, particularly in budget and big grant proposals.
- f. Dr. Foster & Heather will soon coordinate the reviewer and proposal match and review process.

6. Subcontract and percent effort efficient coordination: Dr. Golovko has a subcontract from NDSU with 5% effort. UND taking a substantial amount of time to coordinate.

- a. Dr. Basson acknowledged the issue and brought up that UND main campus grant office has been suffering from shortage of workforce. Dr. Basson will take the issue to the grant office and expedite the salary effort coordination.

7. Dr. Schroeder motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Dr. Swartz.
Dr. Foster adjourned the meeting.