

UNDSMHS Research Committee
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
SMHS, Dean's Office Conference Room

The attendance roster is attached.

	Summary	Action/Follow-up
Call meeting to order/welcome new members	Dr. Sens called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.	
Approval of the November Minutes	The minutes for the April 21, 2020 meeting were reviewed and no edits noted.	There was a Motion made by Dr. Geiger and seconded by Dr. Somji to approve the minutes from the meeting. The Motion approved unanimously.
REMS and Other Summer Student Research Experiences	<p>REMS students can be physically present at this time and adhere to all social distancing practices – strongly encourage wearing masks. Dr. Geiger asked if this was now policy. UND policy requires social distancing of 6 ft. and encourages mask wearing. Wearing masks cannot be mandated.</p> <p>When we reopen to teaching in the Fall we will have to teach differently. Students need 48” of space. Classrooms will not be set up in normal fashion – some may be telecommuting or viewing from home. We are not supposed to have anything that requires closer than 6 feet. If there is a planned activity that doesn't adhere to social distancing, we will have to get prior approval. Dr. Basson will not approve any proposal that doesn't include wearing masks when 6 ft. distance is not able.</p> <p>Any student who is going to be pain in the lab, we have to request permission through Dr. Basson to the VPR office. It they are not being paid, Dr. Basson has the authority to approve these circumstances.</p> <p>Working on having volunteers sew cloth masks to give to our students free of charge.</p> <p>The University cannot mandate wearing masks if they are not able to provide masks to people.</p> <p>Student research experiences have reopening when adhering to social distancing precautions.</p>	
Laboratory Safety	Continue to practice safe behavior and social distancing.	
New Workflows for Grant Approval	Switching to Novelution system in June. Currently there are no email notifications set up in Novelution. Track it yourself through the system and keep	

	track of who needs to sign. Dr Schroeder added that it was seamless in many ways when sending a proposal although many emails.	
New Business for 2020		
Other/Informational	<p>Dr. Basson updated about the reduction in hours/effort of employees which started May 16 – July 31 in order to recoup fiduciary losses. They do not expect a decrease in the medical student population, but the University will most likely see a decrease in enrollment. Among those people that were reduced are those of the facilities staff. Terry Nelson is working on clarification on what services SMHS will have.</p> <p>Curriculum delivery – Dr. Basson – we will remain online through the summer expect for previously approved situations. No classes in the building. No minimum class size – if it is called a class it cannot happen. August 23 the University opens. The current plan is that if things happen in person, social distancing is required when possible. For the things that do not need to be in person, everything will be booked into a room or a series of rooms to adhere to social distancing. Reduced the density of the rooms by a factor of three (3). The students may also not be in the building at all. Mask wearing will be encouraged and social distancing will be required. Cleaning supplies will be in each room for students to clean their spaces before and after use. Dismiss by rows or in shifts. Some students are preferring online learning. More direction and instructions to be determined in the coming months.</p> <p>Sergei – how do we encourage social distancing in people with antibody? Dr. Basson does not think that having antibodies does not mean you are susceptible to contracting COVID. It is not clear that it not true. The University is currently exploring options for COVID testing.</p> <p>Shawnda – do you have any knowledge on a timeframe when a decision will be made? Dr. Basson said the decision has already been made because we are and remain open. Such as, all students will have single rooms in the dorms. When would we pivot back out? The most limited decision is what happens in the area. The next possibility is that COVID generically heats</p>	

	up and many places ends up closing, then the University might say they aren't closing, but drastically reducing and going back to remote learning. Dr. Basson is not sure what the threshold is, but is sure it will be a joint decision making strategy with all key entities. At that point, Jed Shivers will be the head of COVID relations for UND and will presumably be the point person.	
Announcements	No announcements were noted.	
Adjournment	Dr. Donald Sens adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm.	

Submitted by Heather Jensen

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Record of Attendance
Research Committee

Voting Members	Term	1.14.19	2.26.19	3.28.19	5.10.19	7.18.19	8.20.19	10.15.19	11.19.19	12.17.19	1.28.20	3.17.20
Mac Dyke	2020	T	T	A	T	A	T	E	A	A	P	P
Jamie Foster	2021	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jonathan Geiger	2020	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Mishra Golovko	2020	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	
Othman Ghribi	2022	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
Sergei Nechaev	2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gary Schwartz	2022	P	A	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	
Seema Somji	2020	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Shawnda Schroeder	2022					P	P	E	P	P	P	
Donald Sens	2022					P	P	P	P	P	P	
Donald Warne	2022					A	A	A	A	P	A	
Masfique Mehedi	2022					E	E	P	P	P	P	
Advisory Members												
Basson, Marc (Sr. Assoc. Dean for Medicine and Research)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Ruit, Ken (Assoc. Dean for Education and Faculty Affairs)		A	P	E	A	E	E	E	E	E	E	
Support Staff												
Heather Jensen		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	

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