

UNDSMHS Research Committee
Tuesday, August 25, 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 2:04 pm.	
Approval of the May Minutes	The minutes for the May 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed and no edits noted.	There was a Motion made by Dr. Foster and seconded by Dr. Somji to approve the minutes from the meeting. The Motion approved unanimously.
Grant Funding	<p>Dr. Basson informed the committee that the SMHS had its biggest federally funded grant year, at an estimated \$30.6 million. Congratulations to all that made this recorded breaking year a success.</p> <p>Going forward, Dr. Basson has asked the committee to brainstorm additional ways to incentivize faculty to submit grant applications. Although the SMHS had a record breaking funding year, the quantity of applications was down and he would like to investigate ways to keep up the volume or previous faculty submissions.</p> <p>Dr. Mehedi suggested a possible media platform where investigators could bring their specific AIMS to get critiqued before submission. Dr. Basson advised that Barry Milavetz currently hosts a Writer's Circle for grant writing that everyone is free to join. **Please reach out to Barry directly for more information.</p> <p>Dr. Nechaev advised that his CoBRE currently has a group such as this that reviewed/critiques grant applications, but that it isn't received well by some for the constructive criticism of the application. He will send an invite to Dr. Mehedi for their next session.</p> <p>In an effort to provide a resource tool for all faculty, it was suggested to communicate out to all faculty requesting a listing of all opportunities available for faculty in grant writing, critiquing groups, resources, etc and put together a document that can be dispersed to all faculty</p>	<p>Add this topic to the next meeting agenda.</p> <p>Heather will draft a communication for all faculty on current grant resources/groups and send to Dr. Basson for review.</p>
Pilot funding program	<p>The committee would like progress report information on the current pilot grants before making a decision going forward this year.</p> <p>The committee would like to continue the Meritorious Grant Award program.</p>	Heather will request progress report from the pilot and meritorious award recipients.

	Currently the Sabbatical opportunity has not been utilized. Dr. Nechaev added that the wording was unclear in the first email communication of the opportunity. He will reword/draft a communication and send to Dr. Basson for review. Heather will provide the original communication that was sent.	Heather will send out the Meritorious Award information to all faculty.
Frank Low Research Day	The committee would like to move forward under the premise that Frank Low Research Day 2021 will be conducted virtually. Whether it is comprised of poster sessions, quick shots, talks, or a hybrid, Jamie Foster will start to arrange the structure of a virtual event. Virtual events must now also be approved. There is an event form that must be submitted to Jessica Sobolik and then will be disseminated through the approval process. The committee would first like to reach out to the speaker from 2020, Dr. Masliah and see if he would be available for 2021.	Heather Jensen will reach out to Dr. Masliah's assistant on his availability to be the guest speaker (presumably via virtual media) on April 22, 2021.
Election of new chair	Don Sens was elected for another 1-year term.	There was a Motion made by Dr. Warne and seconded by Dr. Somji to approve the re-election of Dr. Don Sens as chair. The Motion approved unanimously..
COVID Updates	There was limited discussion on COVID updates.	Add to next month's meeting agenda.
Other/Informational		
Announcements	No announcements were noted.	
Adjournment	Dr. Donald Sens adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm	

Submitted by Heather Jensen

2019-20
Record of Attendance
Research Committee

Voting Members	Term	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	5.19.20	8.25.20
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
Advisory Members												
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
Support Staff												
Heather Jensen		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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