

UNDSMHS Research Committee
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Marc Basson, Don Warne, Gary Schwartz, Seema Somji, Don Sens, Mikhail Golovko, Jonathan Geiger, Ursula Running Bear, Sarah Sletten, Jamie Foster, Masfique Mehedi, Shawnda Schroeder and Nicole Redvers
 Absent: Colin Combs, Ken Ruit, and Nadeem Khan

	Summary	Action/Follow-up
Call meeting to order/welcome new members	Meeting began at 8:00 am via Zoom.	
Elect a new Chair	Dr. Don Sens nominated Dr. Jamie Foster.	There was a Motion made by Dr. Sens and seconded by Nicole Redvers to approve the new Chair, Dr. Jamie Foster. The Motion approved unanimously.
Meritorious Grant Award Summary	<p>The grant award summary from Dr. Combs and Mike Ullrich in Biomedical Sciences was provided to the group for review. According to the report that was sent out, a majority are re-applying and receiving funding. Note that a similar analysis has not been done on the pilot grant project. Drs. Foster and Golovko added that the program continues to be a positive option.</p> <p>Dr. Geiger voiced a few concerns with the numbers of the summary and the fact that it is difficult to get accurate data with some including indirect costs and some do not. He suggested only listing grants that receive meritorious grant and not including pending grants in the same category – only list grants/proposals that led to funding. Dr. Basson agreed that the numbers should be reevaluated to get the most accurate data possible, but added that it is not unreasonable to list pending grants as long as that is made clear in the report.</p> <p>Heather will work with Mike to make sure numbers are verified and corrected if necessary.</p> <p>The inability to pull and track accurate data continues to be a concern of members of this committee. The group discussed what it would like to do to remedy the situation. All agreed that it is a concern; however, they are not sure what avenue to take, short of asking Dean Wynne to address, because the school/University is not at a point where they can run reports in an easy manner.</p>	After the numbers are corrected, Heather will work with Brian Schill to do a write up with quotes from Dean Wynne and Drs. Basson and Foster. At this time, Heather will resend the call for applications.

Frank Low Research Day	A date for 2022 is in discussion. Heather had checked Drs. Wynne and Basson's calendar and April 14 or 21 would work for them. Those dates need to be cross-referenced with curriculum for exam dates, Neurochemistry conferences, and Drs. Carr and Beal. Send any speaker suggestions to Heather. Format for 2022 will likely be remote.	Dr. Foster will look into dates and check with appropriate programs/conferences for a mutually agreeable date.
Announcements	No announcements were noted.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.	

Submitted by Heather Jensen