**Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**  
**July 26th, 2019 12pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Luciana Shaddox, Hideaki Nagaoka, Dawn Dawson, Dana Satterly, Carol Summers, Howard Roberts, James Hartsfield, Mishra Pratistitha, Susan Bishop

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| Charges, priorities and workgroups | Dr. Shaddox reviewed the previous minutes (June 26). Hartsfield made the motion for approval, all seconded. Dr. Shaddox wishes to propose work groups to tackle each of the various activities. She will be relying on the RAG committee members to agree to serve in an area they choose.  
  - **Grant review program.** Discussion re. how the RAC will be engaged when an investigator wants a proposal reviewed before submission. Dr. Hartsfield asked if there was a current evaluation form that everyone could follow? Dr. Shaddox reported that Dr. Kyrkanides had announced the availability of (4) $20,000 pilots that might be funded during the last extension year of the COBRE. It was not clear what selection process Dr. K. intends; however, Dr. Miller has managed COBRE Pilot selection in the past.  
  - **Mentoring opportunities.** Dr. Shaddox have accumulated a list of faculty who have 10% or more effort to research on their DOE’s and on tenure track. She is considering a mentorship program. Dr. Hartsfield noted this might fit more closely to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs thing, so maybe someone in the college should manage this and maybe sections chief’s should be involved. Maybe this lies outside the directive of this group?  
  - **Current Funding for assorted activities.** Dr. Shaddox reports a variety of funding opportunities  
    - Pilot Funding  
    - Fellowships for resident DMD, this year next ongoing. Managed by Craig Miller funded by the COHR.  
    - ADEA Fellowships that come every year | It was proposed that Dr. Miller be asked to lead this workgroup to choose reviewers for future proposals submitted to the RAC. Carol will share the proposal evaluation form that Dr. Miller has used in the past. Carol will inform Dr. Kyrkanides that the RAC would be happy to assist in the review of his COBRE pilots. Dr. Shaddox will attend the next Leadership Meeting (if there is one) or ask to come to the Section Chief’s meeting to present her idea. |
- Lewis Fellowship for oral health and disparities research, training and small pilots. Funded by the Gene Lewis family
- Knapp Lecture – Dr. Shaddox asked for recommendations for a speaker we can bring for this lecture. There wasn’t a Knapp lecture in 2018. This lecture is intended for not just Dentistry but outside to the general public.

- Potential College Research Activities.
- Carol is about to send a spreadsheet to researchers and get their agreement to serve as mentors. If they say yes, this list will be shared with the student research group.
- Dr. Shaddox has met with the CCTS person who manages their biobank, she envisions a tissue biobank for COD. Got lots of good suggestion on management, our bank would need a purpose/focus. Dr. Morford notes that she hopes our program would be equally open and a mentality for writing open ended long-term IRB’s. This endeavor will require a good plan with facilities, storage, oversight, software, coding, data entry, etc.
- Dr. Morford notes that the Cancer Center has a huge biobank but does not collect dental information. Could this be something we could get involved with?
- Lorri noted that Heath Bush in Statistics worked on the Womens Health Registry and now includes men. Perhaps a module for dental questions could be added so that this could create a potential pool of patients.
- VPR Equipment Proposal – this will be an opportunity to purchase ~80 freezer’s and especially if we can describe the biobank this could purchase freezer storage for that. Sree is also planning to submit a request here.

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<th>Research (Grand) Rounds</th>
<th>Considering starting a research rounds in addition to grand rounds, clinical and translational. Dr. Gonzalez noted that this additional format would weaken the existing grant rounds. Dr. Hartsfield noted that historically grant rounds has served a variety of audiences. The group decided that new emphasis should be put on the existing grant rounds schedule and additional sessions can happen if there is someone visiting the college who can speak.</th>
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<td>DMD Research Tract Program, DMD-</td>
<td>Dr. Shaddox, after discussion with Lorri Morford has refined the program parameters. The DMD Research Tract Program will be an elective program, running from the 1st semester through the 4th year. Track progress at the end of every semester. Dana will be the administrative supportive. SO far there are 9 applicants. Discussion regarding the selection process and what should be a deciding factor. It was agreed</td>
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Dr. Shaddox will be meeting with the Lewis and Knapp family, will report back at the next meeting.

Dr. Shaddox is going to meet with the Student Research Group soon.

Dr. Shaddox plans to meet with Heather Bush regarding statistic need and will add this to their discussion.

Lorri Morford and Dawn Dawson agreed to serve on the BioBank Workgroup.

Carol will ask Sree to send what he has drafted so far to Dr. Shaddox.

Dr. Shaddox asks the members to think about experts we can invite to speak.

Dr. Shaddox will talk to Miller re. his input.
**PhD, DMD-MS and PhD**

that students who are struggling academically should not be accepted so as not to add additional pressure to their dental education.

Aid in the development of future DMD-PhD, DMD-MS and PhD programs within the college. Dr. Hartsfield asked to be lead of the PhD program. The many complexities to recruiting PhD students to dentistry was discussed. These three different things happening at the same time is getting too complex. It was decided to focus on the PhD for now.

**Additional Items**

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<td>Dr. Shaddox is starting a Perio Research Club. Students present papers and do a journal. Would like to include residents. Hopes the other division will want to mini this. Ortho is also doing something similar. Hartsfield noted that you must be program directors buy-in for this to grow.</td>
<td>Dr. Shaddox will share this with the other division chief’s, this could go College-wide.</td>
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<td>Dr. Shaddox is drafting the current strategic plan and will email to the group for discussion at the next meeting. She feels COD is weak on Caries Research and Public Health Initiatives.</td>
<td>Dr. Shaddox will finish and mail to the committee by next meeting.</td>
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<td>Dr. Roberts will check to see how research committees are formed and what by-laws they follow? Dr. Roberts reports that 4 of Dr. Abhoud’s students are now under his wing. Dr. Roberts asked if the chamber in Huja’s old lab is not being used, he would like to use it in his lab. Dr. Shaddox will be doing a walk-thru of all research facilities starting next week and this could be decided then.</td>
<td>Dr. Roberts will do this before the next meeting. Carol will get Dr. Roberts lab walk-thru scheduled.</td>
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