College of Pharmacy  
Research Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Guenther Hochhaus, Bram Hartzema, Jason Frazier, Margaret James, Reginald Frye, William Millard, Debbie Bambarola, Gary Hamlin

Absent: Julie Johnson, Hartmut Derendorf, Hendrik Luesch, Richard Segal, Maureen Keller-Wood

Date: October 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Location: HPNP Room 4307

Minutes:
For future meeting, a reminder will sent to expected participants the day before the meeting.

1. Research Benchmarks: The purpose of the discussion was to develop various benchmarks that can be used to monitor the performance of the research effort at COP. Dr. Millard had prepared a worksheet that included 4 different benchmark option:
   a. Historical data of COP’s proposal history.
   b. Research funding and ranking based AACP data.
   c. Historical COP Extramural Research Dollars
   d. Historical comparison of COP research effort to total UF research effort.

There was a review and discussion of each of the options. Some of the topics discussed are as follows:
   • There was a concern that not all the funding proposals as a COP coPI was included in the current data.
   • AACP data does not included company funding since company funding benefits some university more than others because of their location to a research hub.
   • AACP is changing their inclusion method. Prior periods were based on PhD funding only. Beginning this year, AACP data is reporting funding for all PI’s including PharmD funding.
   • It was agreed that total publications should be added as benchmark.
   • Using the number of various Awards each year as a benchmark was not recommended.
   • Including averaging of the data would help to smooth the data for year to year fluctuations.

In general, benchmarks presented by Dr. Millard were acceptable. Dr. Millard is going to make some changes based the discussions. A meeting will schedule to review the revised benchmarks worksheet.

2. Opportunity Fund Reviews: There are 4 proposals being submitted this year for the Opportunity Fund awards. COP can only submit 2 proposals. The purpose of the discussion was to develop a policy on who would review the various proposals for this year and future years. Dr. Millard has proposed that the members of Research Committee be the reviewers. After some discussion, it was agreed that proposal(s) would be submitted to all members of the Research Committee for review with the exception of any member(s) of the committee who are submitting a proposal. Topics discussed are as follows:
• There was concern of possible positive bias by the department committee members to the proposal(s) from their department.
• The loss of department research expertise if a proposal is not reviewed by the respective department committee members.

3. Faculty Research: $ per sq. ft.: The purpose of the discussion was to review how the $ per sq. ft. was calculated. There was a brief review because of time limitation of the methodology used by Dr. Millard. It was suggested this be reviewed in more detail in the next meeting of the committee.

It was agreed committee meetings would be scheduled on a as need basis rather than on a fixed monthly schedule.