College of Pharmacy
Research Committee Meeting Minutes


Absent: Margaret James, Richard Segal, Bram Hartzema, Hendrik Luesch (sabbatical absence)

Date: April 30, 2014 at 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Location: HPNP Room 2309

Minutes: There were several items on the agenda:

1. Request for Center Reports will be coming shortly
2. It is critical that the Space Reports be accurate since this report will be used to determine the future F&A rates for federal grants. Dr. Millard has met with the office managers. They have been asked to meet with all faculty and review the effort for their space as accurately as possible.
3. File purging and cleaning out of rooms was discussed in some length with reference to various rooms storage rooms on the west end of the P-wing on floors 6, 4 and 4. Lab space and office space is needed for new faculty and the preeminence initiative. Storage of equipment not being used can be arranged. Moving of office furniture and lab equipment will be arranged by Dr. Millard. He asked that we coordinate the various moves to minimize the cost and make activities more efficient. He would like to see significant progress in the near future since it is beneficial for interviewing potential future preeminence candidates.
4. The management and control of autoclaves on each of the floors was reviewed. It is apparent that there is little control or monitoring of each of the autoclaves. The autoclaves are used by non-pharmacy personnel quite frequently. Dr. Millard is going to discuss with the HSC facility personnel the possibility of restricting access to the rooms and providing access to all trained personnel.
5. The current NIH stipend levels were presented. There is no UF policy per Judy Harris specifying NIH stipend levels for federal grants. It was proposed that the most recent levels released by NIH be used for all federal grants. It is recommend to match the 0 level stipend level as a positive incentive to the Post doc. We need to recognize that this is the current market driven stipend level and we are competing with other universities for the best post docs.
6. There was brief discussion on Graduate Student Fellowship stipend levels. It was suggested to do a survey of other universities that will be facilitated through the graduate studies office in the college.