

**Faculty Council Meeting  
Minutes  
October 1, 2002, 5 PM, R1-106**

Present:

Michael Clare-Salzler (President), Shae Kosch (President Elect), Satya Kalra (Past President), Patrick Antonelli (Vice President), Richard Condit (Secretary, Molecular Genetics), Donna Duckworth (Treasurer), Timothy E. Morey (Anesthesiology), Linda Hensley (CHFM), Clay Smith (Ophthalmology), Lucia Notterpek (Neuroscience), Sally Chesrown (Pediatrics), Hideko Kasahara (Physiology), Charles Bush (Radiology)

I. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and Animal Care Services

Dr. Tom Walsh, Director, Office of Sponsored Research, and Dr. August (Gus) Battles, Director of Animal Care Services addressed the faculty council with an update on the changes in the structure and function of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Animal Care Services (ACS) respectively.

Readers are referred to the minutes of the November 6, 2001 meeting of the faculty council, which reviews the external oversight of animal use at UF and other institutions, documents the College of Medicine's probationary status with Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC), and describes the initial steps to comply with AAALAC recommendations:

<http://www.med.ufl.edu/work/fc/Min01/Nov01min.htm>

Dr. Walsh reported that major recommendations from AAALAC include 1) restructuring which provides for a clear separation of ACS from oversight of animal care, in the form of the IACUC, 2) consolidation of three separate IACUC's into one IACUC with campus wide responsibilities, and 3) reorganization of the committee structure within IACUC. Accordingly, Dr. Gus Battles has now been in place as Director of Animal Care Services for one year, so that now ACS functions independently from IACUC. The consolidated IACUC has been formed and the committee structure reformulated according to recommendations. The new IACUC has had approximately 4 meetings to date. New administrative procedures governing the function of IACUC are still being worked out, and it is "all very new", however Dr. Walsh expressed confidence that things should smooth out within the next six months.

Dr. Battles reported significant progress in improving ACS. Two new advisory committees have been formed to assist ACS, the Animal Care Council and the Faculty Animal Care Services Advisory Committee. Several new staff have been hired including a human resources manager, an operations manager, a facilities engineer, and a breeding facilities supervisor. Dr. Battles reported in detail on significant physical renovations, upgrades and new facilities which are either in progress or being planned for the communicore facility, the Bivens Arm facility, and the 34<sup>th</sup> Street facility.

In response to questions, the following points were addressed:

1) NIH has instituted a "just in time" policy for animal projects:

[http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/olaw/fed\\_reg\\_v67n152.pdf](http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/olaw/fed_reg_v67n152.pdf)

With this policy, investigators do NOT need to obtain animal use approval for NIH proposals until AFTER they have received a fundable score. It is hoped that this new policy will significantly decrease the load on IACUC for proposal review and thus facilitate IACUC function.

2) IACUC is aware of inefficiencies in proposal review, and is addressing these problems with new staff and a user populated IACUC.

3) IACUC plans to provide for expedited review of proposals comprising minor revision to existing procedures in order to accommodate experimental findings that motivate such changes. In this way, delays to progress on research imposed by the necessity for review of changes in protocols can be minimized.

4) To both expedite the application and review process and to reduce inconsistencies in reviews, IACUC is developing an on-line proposal system that includes bulleted, species specific protocols and standard operating procedures.

## II. Location of the Genetics/Cancer Institute building

On September 18, 2002, the faculty council conducted an email ballot of faculty council representatives concerning the following resolution:

“We, the Faculty Council of the University of Florida College of Medicine, wish to formally declare our support for locating the proposed Genetics/Cancer research building on Newell Drive below the old Museum of Natural History and close to the McKnight Brain Institute. We feel strongly that the currently proposed location on North-South Drive will be disadvantageous in many aspects, in particular related to the distance from the established Health Science Center and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences genetics initiatives. Some current lines of research and collaboration will likely be harmed, and other collaborations and projects may be hindered from developing, especially if shared facilities/equipment are involved. Teaching and other enterprises, including interviews of faculty and student recruits, and physician presence on the hospital floors, will also be impeded due to the requirement of travel. The Faculty Council strongly supports the opinion that the advantages of placing the building nearer the Health Sciences Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences outweighs other reasons for its currently planned location. We kindly ask you reconsider the location of this building which is highly important to the future success of the University of Florida.”

Faculty Council representatives supported the resolution by a vote of 15 for and 1 opposed. The resolution and vote were forwarded to UF President Charles Young with an appropriate cover letter by Faculty Council President Michael Clare-Salzler on September 23, 2002.

## III. Faculty compensation committee

A new compensation committee has been formed, but has not yet met.

#### IV. Faculty council budget

The faculty council treasurer, Dr. Donna Duckworth, presented an accounting of expenditures from the 2001-2002 faculty council:

#### Treasurer's Report 2001-2002

Beginning Balance: \$6342.00

#### Expenditures:

Dinner with Dean:	\$380.99
Travel Award*:	471.00
Business registration:	61.25
Travel Award*:	500.00
Student Hippocratic Award:	500.00
Research Day gifts**	100.00
Annual Dinner:	2957.00
Trophy Shop	83.00

#### Income:

Dues:	00.00
Reimbursement for dinner	1500.00

Current Balance: \$2789.24

\*We offered \$1000.00 for two travel awards for graduate students to the Graduate Dean

\*\*We gave gifts of \$100.00 each to the two secretaries that worked on Research Day with us.

Note that dues were not collected last year due to a budget surplus. The current balance cannot sustain a similar level of activity this year unless we resume dues collection. Accordingly, the faculty council voted to resume dues collection this year, at the rate of \$10.00 per faculty member.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Condit  
Secretary

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