

BCOM Research Advisory Council Meeting (via Video/Electronic Conferencing)

October 23, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

Members Present:		Joseph Benoit, PhD (Chair), Adrienne Kania, DO, Erin Palazzolo, MLIS (ex-officio), Harald Stauss, MD, PhD, Gabor Szalai, PhD (2:03PM), Robert J. Ketchum, PhD (ex-officio), Kalli Martinez, MS (ex-officio), Richard Ross, MD, Michael E. Woods, PhD (ex-officio), Elijah Ibadlit OMS-I, Jonathan Kreger OMS-II			
Members Absent:		Adela Lente, MD (ex-officio), Steven J. Ontiveros, PhD (ex-officio), Jennifer E. Taylor, (ex-officio)			
Other Attendees		Martha Enriquez (Recording Secretary)			
Item	Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Recommended Action	Responsible Person(s)	Actions/Follow-Up
I.	Approval of Minutes				
	September 18, 2020	The meeting minutes for September 18, 2020 were unanimously approved.	APPROVED		
II.	Announcements				
	COVID-19 Research Update	<p>Drs. Benoit & Woods gave a brief update on the COVID-19 effect on research activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no major changes on operational activities at the laboratories. The BioScience Research Laboratory and Computer Laboratory continue to operate at limited capacity. Activities in the Human Physiology Laboratory remain suspended. • Dr. Stauss provided an IRB update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The IRB has submitted a Qualtrics survey to all principal investigators asking for COVID 19 safe plans to resume research activities. Plans will be reviewed at an upcoming IRB meeting with the goal of allowing activities to resume in ways that minimize COVID-19 transmission risks to subjects and investigators. ○ Dr. Stauss will ask the IRB to allow him to share this information with RAC to help guide the discussion of what is required to continue with the human research projects in the physiology lab. 	No Action Required		
	Student Research Reporting	<p>Dr. Benoit discussed about the importance of student research reporting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group of students notified the Office of Research about getting a presentation at a national meeting and discovered it had not gone through human subjects review. The students were asked to withdraw the abstract. • Dr. Benoit asked the council to assist with directing all persons involved in research to the Office of Research for guidance and assistance related to compliance requirements. 	No Action Required		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Office of Research will become more proactive to help ensure that we have the appropriate compliance oversight. Information assisting researchers in avoiding predatory publishers and meetings will be brought to be discussed at future RAC meetings. 			
III.	Old Business				
	Capital Equipment Purchase-HPLC	Dr. Woods explored other technology available that could support our research efforts more directly, given the complexity and lack of clarity and the need for an HPLC. Dr. Woods indicated that he visited with several faculty, and their research would benefit from the BioPlex machine. The consensus was that the BioPlex 200 would provide more options for researchers and be easier to use than an HPLC.	No Action Required		
	Risk Assessment Update	Dr. Woods and Kalli Martinez continue to work on expanding the risk assessment process.	No Action Required		
VI.	New Business				
	Laboratory Services	<p>Dr. Woods discussed a plan to make certain laboratory services available to faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research office can provide support on specific items to allow some activity in the laboratory and make this available to the faculty. The goal is to maximize the use of the laboratory in a COVID environment so that researchers can continue work during the limited access conditions imposed by the pandemic. Examples of support activities currently being considered include running a gel, growing, or pouring plates, running an ELISA, and cell culture services. As of right now, there are no plans to charge for support. Investigator specific funds would need to cover the cost of project specific reagents. More details will be brought to the next RAC meeting. 	No Action Required		
VII.	Other-Updates				
	Research Laboratories	Dr. Woods gave a brief update on the research laboratories.	No Action Required		
	Student Research	<p>Dr. Ontiveros was not able to attend but provided the following information in writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 Summer Research Applications are due November 4, 2020. Distinction in Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Program information will be disseminated on 11/20/2020 Student applications open on 1/15/2021 AOA Student Research Training Grant opens in November 2020 and close end of January 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://osteopathic.org/life-career/osteopathic-research/research-grants/research-training-grants/ 	No Action Required		

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Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM

Signature on File

November 24, 2020

Committee Chair

Date