

MINUTES

Research Strategic Advisory Council

Friday, February 24, 2017

3:00pm – 4:00pm

AAB 203

Members Present: Andrea Giuffrida, Kathryn Aultman, Mike Beckstead, Carrie Jo Braden, Robert Clark, Christopher Green, Erzsebet Kokovay, Alexander Pertsemlidis, Maureen Simmonds, Rajeshwar Tekmal, and Kyumin Whang

Members Absent: Robin Leach, David Cappelli, Byron Hepburn, Jennifer Potter and Tim Huang

Guests: Mark Nijland, Rachel Dowler and Luke Rosenberger

Minutes from 11/17/16 were approved.

VPR Web Project

Luke Rosenberger (Director, Web Initiatives) and Rachel Dowler (Marketing Specialist) presented an overview of the new research websites that are being prepared for rollout and gave the committee an opportunity to preview the sites before launch. The main research website for the general public is <http://stage.uthscsa.edu/research>, whereas the webpage for VPR Resources for Researchers is <http://stage.uthscsa.edu/vpr>. The committee was asked to review and to submit their feedback to weblife@uthscsa.edu by 3/17/17.

Nature Research Services

Dr. Giuffrida presented potential collaboration with *Nature Research*. *Nature Research* partners with universities to provide services that add value to their missions. Some examples of services include:

- 1) Nature Conferences – These are unique scientific events that draw upon the editorial knowledge and expertise of the *Nature* journals by creating an agenda for advancing the direction of future research, and gathering world re-known researchers, editors and industry leaders. The *Nature* journal would invite speakers, establish and host a website, develop a marketing campaign and provide advice as needed on logistical elements. On the other hand, the University would provide the venue and decide the theme for the conference. Benefits include: Raising the UTHSA profile by leveraging the *Nature* brand; drawing attention to UTHSA initiatives and research strengths by providing a venue to demonstrate leadership and societal impact in the field and enhancing collaborations. Estimated cost: \$55,000.
- 2) Nature Master Classes – These include online and face-to-face training in scientific writing and publishing, aimed at researchers of all levels. Training would be delivered by editors from the *Nature* journals, giving researchers a firsthand insight into publishing in top tier journals. In the face-to-face workshops, *Nature Research* editors would focus on individual researchers that want to write, submit and publish a paper in a top tier journal. The online training classes provide access to online workshops (170 videos by 36 editors) for topics such as “What Makes a Great Paper”, “Elements of Writing Style”, “Data Presentation”, “Writing a Review”, etc. Estimated cost: \$9,000 to access on-line training for one year. Estimated cost for on-line training and in-person workshops/lectures for one year is \$25,000.
- 3) Marketing – *Nature Research* would partner with the UTHSA Marketing office for branding, assisting with promotional videos, brochures, etc. Estimated cost: Various.

Follow-up: An email will be sent to the committee to include information on the *Nature* master classes. Dr. Giuffrida asked for the committee to provide feedback back to him about their interest.

Animal Facility Committee

Dr. Mark Nijland (Assistant Vice President for Research) presented that the need for animal *procedure space* has grown and the HSC is close to maximum. A process is being developed to understand how the allocation of procedure space within the animal facility should be allocated fairly. A DLAR Space Committee (Chair: Dr. Jeffrey Kiel/Ophthalmology) has been established to review the allocation of procedure space and develop a procedure. The first meeting was convened on 12/6/16 and regular meetings will be held every 3 weeks. Dr. Nijland presented that there are approximately 500 active animal protocols that involves 198 Principal Investigators and 1,177 study personnel. DLAR is comprised of 5 management leaders, 2 vet staff, 5 administrative staff and 30 animal care staff. Dr. Nijland gave a preview of DLAR animal space across the HSC totaling 126,831sq ft to include Dental 28,168sq ft/22%, Medical 34,697sq ft /27%, McDermott 7,127sq ft /6%, STRF 12,298sq ft /10%, Barshop 7,788sq ft /6%, IBT 4,405sq ft /6% and STCBM 15,748sq ft /12%. Dr. Giuffrida noted that the Research Park that includes STCBM, IBT and Barshop will be combined into one space once the new Barshop is built next to our main campus. The primary categories of the animal space includes: Procedure 18,803sq ft/15%, Housing 43,441sq ft/35% and Common 63,445sq ft/50%. The review of procedure space includes: Long 9511sq ft/46%, GCCRI 1941sq ft/10%, McDermott 733sq ft/3%, STRF 2196sq ft/11%, Barshop 2,108sq ft/10%, IBT 1,877sq ft/9% and STCBM 2,196sq ft/11%. Dr. Nijland presented a diagram of Assigned/Unassigned procedure space and flex space that exists in each location. Most of the locations are assigned at maximum (besides McDermott and IBT) and are in the realms of exceeding flex space. Dr. Nijland also presented a diagram showing procedure space assignments by Department. Dr. Nijland noted this review is the first step to create a policy for animal procedure space.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm