

**Research and Scholarship Committee:** December 16, 2011

Present: Robert Keller, Frederick Lopez, Haluk Ogmen, Michael Harold, Chinhui Juhn, James Garson, Jack Fletcher, Janok Bhattacharya, Randall Lee, Alan Burns, Vincent Tam, Abdelhak Bensaoula, Coleen Carlson, Stuart Long, Dmitri Litvinov, Rathindra Bose, Anne Sherman, Selestia Hodge, Cris Milligan and Brooke GowI.

Absent: Matthew Johnson, Pradeep Sharma, Stowe Shoemaker, Robert Palmer, Gemunu Gunaratne, Ray Cline, and Elizabeth Anderson Fletcher.

Guests: C. Peters.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Report: Dr. Bhattacharya reported that the Inaugural Breakfast for PIs who have received grants and hosted by Dr. Bose was excellent. The group had many questions about GEAR. This group will work closely with Dr. Bose to implement plans, policies and guidelines according to the needs of the faculty and the university. Policies are needed for the review of centers, space, core facilities and IDC, to name a few.

Review and approval of minutes from November 18, 2011 meeting. Dr. Tam moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Bensaoula seconded. The minutes were approved.

Space Report, David Francis. Dr. Francis was not able to be with the RSC today, but will be invited to a future meeting.

Dr. Bose report: Dr. Bose welcomed Cris Milligan the new Director of Core Facilities and Dr. Brooke GowI , Research Liaison Officer.

He reported that he really enjoyed the breakfast. It is important for Dr. Bose to know the PIs bringing in grants to the University. The breakfast also allows networking opportunities for the PIs to work together.

Dr. Bose asked that tuition costs for grant proposals be added to the agenda for a future meeting. We cannot implement the current policy because the current policy is not in compliance with the federal regulations. Our policy needs to be revised to include tuition and fees in grant proposals. We need a separate fund so that we can have uniform coverage for all students. Dr. Bose wished all a happy holiday and left the meeting to attend commencement.

Dr. Bhattacharya formed a subcommittee to address the tuition policy. The subcommittee includes: Michael Harold and Randall Lee, with assistance from Beverly Rymer, DOR. Would like to have a draft policy by next meeting.

Core Facilities: Members are Mike Harold, Randall Lee, Vincent Tam, Bensaoula, Sharma, Long, Cris Milligan and Brooke GowI. There is possibly \$15m over 3 years that is available to be used on core

facilities. The group needs to define what a “core facility” is and needs to draft a policy. In addition an RFA needs to be drafted to obtain proposals from the colleges for development of core facilities that will benefit UH research. A website will be developed.

Dr. Bhattacharya gave a mandate to the group to do the following:

1. Develop guidelines to fund multi PI, multi-disciplinary core facilities.
2. Inventory what we have
3. Develop model core facilities.

Centers and Institutes: Jack Fletcher, Stowe Shoemaker, Haluk Ogmen, Brooke Gowl, Anne Sherman. This subcommittee needs to review proposals for new centers and eliminate ones that are not productive. We have a process for evaluating centers and we need a policy to terminate a center. Anne will send a list of what has been done and the current policies to evaluate and close centers.

Internal Awards: The GEAR program is being announced to the university community and the committee will use the process discussed at the last meeting. Small grants have been awarded. A list will be sent to the RSC. Dr. Garson asked that the RSC approve the process. Dr. Lee made a motion to accept and Dr. Tam seconded. The motion was approved. Twenty-six new faculty grant applications were received and all will be funded.

Research Assessment: Dr. Ogmen indicated that long-term planning and vision is needed. He suggested that we look at the data and that a model be developed for achieving goals. A subcommittee will be formed to address these issues. Dr. Ogmen and Dr. Juhn volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.