

Research Policy Committee Minutes

March 27, 2020

2:30-4:00 pm

Virtual Meeting, BlueJeans

Chaired by Dr. Francine Dolins

Members present: Francine Dolins; Akira Nishii; Ashley Kalinski; Hafiz Malik; Jacob Carlson; Jenna Manske; Jessie Lee; Kate Eaton; Nicholas Harris; Nicholas Ernst; Marisa Conte; Mimi Dalaly; Irene St. Charles; Teri Rosales; William Close; Yi-Su Chen, Zenon Sommers; Natalie Colabianchi; Jay Vornhagen; Jordan McNaughton

Guest(s): Bill Greer, Lauren Danridge

Absent: Annalisa Manera, Jairam Menon, Priti Shah, Nocona Sanders

I. Review of minutes from February 28, 2020

- Minutes approved

II. First topic: Update on IACUC / ULAM

- Presenter, Bill Greer
 - i. Research continues for the most part with prioritization
 - ii. Individual labs are making decisions to ramp-down
 - iii. No directions from leadership for any euthanasia
 - iv. COVID-19 work
 - 1. Bill Greer is on the COVID-19 Prioritization Committee
 - 2. CDC has asked that COVID-19 work be handled with BSL Level 3 which UM only has minimal infrastructure for
 - 3. Only absolute necessary activities should go on
 - a. New projects: is it fair to wait or does something need to occur right now?
 - 4. Any successes that we are not hearing about nationally?
 - a. Cannot comment on anything specifically, but will say that there is a lot of work being submitted with FDA oversight when appropriate.
 - v. Non COVID-19 Work
 - 1. Lauren Dandridge
 - a. Developing a new protocol amendment to help with regulatory burden

- i. Streamlining reviews by IBC and other committees that do cross-checks
 - b. Meet regularly with a various national committees in D.C. to help reduce regulatory burden
 - i. This was driven by The Cures Act
 - c. Question (Kate Eaton): What is the progress in this streamlining initiative?
 - i. Response: A lot of communication right now and working to improve communication between committees. The group will take specific feedback.
 - ii. Response (Bill): We had a timeline of March but have been set back due to COVID-19. Hard to put a new timeline on this, but aiming for Fall 2020.
- 2. Response to “how can the committee help”?
 - a. Looking for people working with animals to join their committee.
 - i. Animal Care and Use Faculty Advisory Committee
- 3. ALAC – continuing to work toward submission deadline
 - a. Will avoid ALAC visit that aligns with faculty ramping up their visit
 - b. Question (Jay): When the ramp up occurs, what can faculty expect from an ALAC perspective?
 - i. Good documentation supporting number of animals, expired medications, etc. The reviewers will take all of this into consideration.
- 4. DOD Funded Research has changed some policies
 - a. Likely an outcome from The Cures Act
- Francine: open for questions?
 - i. None at this time, but further questions will be submitted
- Bill Greer: emphasized finding faculty volunteers for their committee

III. **Announcements**

- Rebecca Cunningham has been named the full-time VP for research
- Link to article on agenda
 - i. Foreign Influence Act
- Yi-Su’s question regarding internal grants
 - i. Francine asked the Dearborn campus for if they will send a general message. Other campuses could also be asked if needed.
- No additional announcements
- William Close: In the news, Universities are putting hiring freezes for faculty and post-docs?
 - i. Jake Carlson: shared an email correspondence that stated there is not a hiring freeze, but there is an ask to consider timing of hiring.

IV. **Call for other business**

- None

V. **Meeting adjourned: 15: 55**