

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**