

## **DoCS Faculty Meeting Minutes**

**June 14, 2016**

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**Present: Birkenheuer, Brandes, Elfenbein, Fish, Flammer, Gieger, Gonzalez, Hardie, Harrell, Kedrowicz, Lascelles, K. Lunn, Mariani, Mowat, Munana, Olivry, Risselada, Roe, Sherman, Snyder, Suter, Tefft**

**Absent: C. Adin, D. Adin, Bailey, Bizikova, Blikslager (out of country), Breitschwerdt (clinics), Breuhaus, Davidson, Davis, DeFrancesco, Degernes (workshop), Dunning, Early, Ferris, Fogle, Gilger, Gines, Gookin (clinics), Hanel, Hansen, Harms, Harrison (intern orientation), Hawkins (vacation), Hess, Jones, Keene, Kennedy-Stoskopf (out of country), Lewbart (out of country), Lyle (Southern Pines), Maggi, Marcellin, Marks, Mathews, Meurs, Murphy, Musulin, Nolan, Olby, Prange, Qurollo, Redding, Royal, Scharf, Schnabel, Sheats, Stevens, Stoskopf (meeting), Tate, Taylor, Tou, Vaden, Vigani, Westermeyer**

**Guest: Dr. Korinn Saker**

### **House Officer of the Month**

Dr. Tracy Gieger presented Dr. Krista Kelsey, Radiation Oncology Resident, with the June House Officer of the Month award.

### **Diversity Mentors Program**

Dr. Korinn Saker introduced the opportunity to be a diversity mentor to the faculty.

The CVM Diversity Committee has been working diligently on achieving specific goals outlined in the 2014 NCSU-CVM Strategic Inclusion & Diversity Plan. Their next undertaking involves the development of a Diversity Mentors Program for our college community. The role of mentor will be open to faculty, staff, administrators, graduate students (per Dr. Meurs' approval) and 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> year veterinary students (per Dr. Neel's approval). It's voluntary and the commitment involves communicating with the mentee if/when available.

The Diversity Committee will be sending a campus-wide email to recruit mentors. If you are open to providing mentorship, complete the information sheet in the email and return it to the CVM Diversity Committee. Your name will be included on the Diversity Mentors list, and Dr. Betsy Taylor will provide guidance on mentoring.

Please contact anyone on diversity committee with any questions.

## **Reporting Guidelines**

Dr. Duncan Lascelles provided the faculty with resources for guidelines to improve the quality of content of manuscripts. Two recommended guidelines:

1. ARRIVE (animals in biomedical research) - Animal Research: Reporting of In Vivo Experiments (endorsed by 430 journals)
2. CONSORT (human clinical trials) – Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials

The only measure of methodology are the reports, so the guidelines were developed to focus on full and transparent reporting.

The need for these guidelines was documented by a Quality of Published Research Survey:

- Systematic and detailed survey to assess the quality of:
  - The experimental design
  - The statistical analysis
  - The reporting of *in vivo* experiments
- Co-funded by the MRC and the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare and commissioned by the NC3Rs
- Reviewed publically funded research in US or UK
- *In vivo* experiments involving rodents and non-human primates
- 271 papers – largest survey of its kind

The survey identified key areas for improvement:

- Only 59% included three important pieces of information – hypothesis, number of animals and characteristic of animals
- Experimental Design – only 12% of publications report randomization and 14% report blinding to reduce bias in animal selection and outcome measurements
- Reporting of Animal characteristics- only 25% of studies detailed species, strain, sex. Age and body weight were often not noted. Justification of group size was largely missing.
- Statistical Analysis – only 70% of publications fully described statistical methods and presented the result with a measure of variability

You can find the ARRIVE and CONSORT guidelines and other reporting resources at <http://www.equator-network.org>.

## **Negotiating Services by Your Lab with the Hospital**

If you plan to set up fees for services provided by your lab with the hospital, please meet with Joy first. She can set up the appropriate account and coordinate with the hospital.

### **Equipment from Departing Faculty**

When a faculty member leaves, all of their lab equipment comes back to the department. The departing faculty member does not have the right to “promise” equipment to another faculty member. Dr. Hardie and Dr. Meurs will determine where the equipment can be used best within the department.

### **HR Consults Go Through DoCS Admin**

If you are hiring a technician in your lab, even if it is off grant money, please provide Eva with a consult form. She will coordinate with HR. The position must be approved by the department before it goes to HR.

### **Selective Evaluations**

Eva has a copy of the Spring 2016 selective evaluations. There were few responses, but she can send your evaluation to you if you want it. The education group is working to improve student evaluations.

### **College Committee Updates**

VetView – The VetView conference in Georgia was interesting and the group got a lot of good information. They got to see VetView in action, but UGa has not embraced all of the VetView capabilities. A CVM database administrator has been hired to develop a test system, and Computing Resources will be sending an email to get feedback on what is needed for the program.

### **Assistant Department Heads Report and Discussion**

No updates were reported.

### **Service Chiefs Report and Discussion**

No updates were reported.

### **Announcements**

We have been approved to start recruiting for a tenure-track behavior position.

Dr. Carrie Muller will be doing an internship in the Clinical Studies Core (CSC), so a DVM is now available for assistance in the CSC.

Dr. Hardie will be out of the office next week and Dr. Hawkins will be Acting Head.

There is no DoCS faculty meeting in July.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.