Jefferson Committee of Research (JCOR)
October 12, 2015
College 203
12:00PM-1:30PM

Chair: Sue Menko, PhD
Recording Secretary: Jessica Gutierrez

**Introduction**
Meeting was brought to order at 12:08pm by Dr. Menko. She started off by approving the minutes from our previous meeting in September. There were motions to approve and the minutes will be posted onto the JCOR site. It will allow for those on campus to have easy access to our minutes and see what items were discussed and any action plans decided.

**JeffSolves- Program Overview**
A major initiative that was brought by the inter-professional, inter-research group to bring all different aspects of Jefferson research that is in silos into events in which we can coordinate interaction and thinking. The JeffSolves program is a “crowdsourcing” event, an idea for this program credited to Dr. Kevin Kelly. Crowdsourcing is often used as a mechanism used on the internet to crowd source for ideas, but is not limited to the internet. We will use this concept in crowdsourcing think tanks on different topics, mostly focused on diseases that would benefit from new therapies, and in which Jefferson can make a significant contribution. The Provost’s Office is highly supportive of this idea and is partnering with JCoR in this new initiative. JeffSolves will occur 4 times this year and is open to the community to observe, think about the new ideas and participate in the discussion. The first event will focus on Fibrosis: A Focus on the Lung. The presenters are Gregory Kane, MD and Ross Summer, MD. It will take place on Monday, October 26 at 4pm in room 101 BLSB. The format will start with a patient being interviewed by Dr. Kane through which Dr. Kane will introduce the clinical aspects of the disease, followed by what is known about lung fibrosis, the problems in treating this disease, and important areas that could be targeted for therapy. This event will open the opportunity for other researchers to collaborate. The Provost has invited Board members to attend the first event.

Examples of other JeffSolves initiatives:
- Dr. Matthew Dalva in the Department of Neuroscience, is organizing a JeffSolves program that will focus on epilepsy.
- Dr. David Whellan, Director of the Jefferson Clinical Research Institute, is planning a program in Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy

More information about JeffSolves can be found on the University Research site. The event will be taped and be made available to the Jefferson community on the JCOR website.

**Update on the Jefferson Research Website**
Thanked the committee for their input about the new University Research site. All updates have been communicated to Jessica Gutierrez and were made on the website. Dr. Menko stated if the committee notices things that are missing to please e-mail a link to the content and a two
A campus message will be sent out from the Provost announcing the new research website.

**Faculty Webpages**
These sites will be searchable through google. There are 135 identified research faculty. Faculty are asked to download the template with the instructions. There are places that require images and it is asked that you attach those images separately. Dr. Menko encourages researchers to populate their webpage. Members of the JCOR are asked to populate their webpages within the next month and those templates will be used to generate the first phase of this project. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Gutierrez.

The Subcommittee on Communications will come up with a plan on how to update the faculty webpages.

A follow-up email will be sent to those JCoR members that were not able to attend the meeting regarding setting up their webpage.

**Discussions regarding program goals for JCOR 2015-2016**
Dr. Menko asked the committee to think about where they want to focus our efforts for the next year.

Some examples that were brought up:
- Update on RACE and on how RACE and ORA are now working together
- New Director of ORA
- New Scientific Editor for RACE – Deb Roussell will be helping faculty with federal sponsored research grants. She will also be helping Dr. Ray Penn with the grant mentoring program.
- Update on the Deans’ Transformational Science Award and the metrics, particularly NIH grant submissions/funding. Outcomes being tracked from this award include inventions, a paper published, or a grant submitted/funded. The follow-up is up to 5 years.
- Student Research- try to enhance the current research education tab on the website. Help students connect with faculty and seek opportunity in research. Created a subcommittee who can help collect this information, to be chaired by Dr. Charles Scott to help improve our research education webpage. They will report back to the committee in a couple months on their progression.

**New Business**
Dr. Bhushan shared information regarding service discount on service contracts, through a company that will negotiate the service contract at a much cheaper price. Dr. Bhushan will send an email to Brian Squilla and cc Jessica Gutierrez about this company and share their website for further investigation into their services.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm