Jefferson Committee of Research (JCoR)
December 12, 2016
Eakins Lounge, JAH
12:00PM-1:30PM

Chair: Sue Menko, PhD
Recording Secretary: Jessica Gutierrez

Introduction
Meeting was brought to order at 12:02pm by Dr. Menko. Minutes were approved and will be posted on the JCoR site.

Presentation by D’Wayn Mapp – Office of Research Support Services
D’Wayn Mapp gave a brief overview of the new educational offerings on the Office of Research Support Services webpage. In particular, ORA has now posted a podcast that provides advice on mastering the new NIH grant guidelines including how to address scientific premise, rigor, reproducibility, variables and authentication of resources. The podcast can be accessed from off campus and is about an hour long. There is also a PowerPoint posted that covers the material in the podcast.

Presentation by Jennifer Wilson - Medical Writer
Jennifer Wilson is the writing consultant in the Writing Center of the Center for Teaching and Learning in Scott Memorial Library. After presenting her credentials, Jennifer provided information about the services that are available to faculty in the Writing Center. She provides guidance regarding all aspects of manuscript writing including structure, flow, and communication. Jennifer also provides writing assistance to post-docs and students with research proposals and manuscripts. She can be reached via email or phone. Her turnaround time depends on the current work flow. In the two years since she came to Jefferson a total of 77 manuscripts have been published to which she provided editorial guidance. Of this total, 34 were published between 2014-2015 and 43 between 2015-2016, reflecting a 26% increase year to year increase.

Action point and follow-up: Explore mechanisms to get the word out about the writing services that Jennifer offers to our faculty, including information of the Research Website, presenting at departmental meetings, and offering a workshop. At the request of Dr. Menko, Jennifer Wilson has taken a leadership role in enabling open communication between the different writing services provided to faculty at Jefferson that include Dana Marcus (OIA), Deb Roussell (RACE), and Melissa McCarey (JCRI), and preparing information to be posted on the Jefferson Research Website.

Presentation by Ray Penn, Director, Center for Translational Medicine, on the Provost’s Pilot Clinical Research Award and the Jefferson Preclinical Core Facility
Dr. Penn announced the new Provost’s Pilot Clinical Research Award. This award mechanism is designed to help researchers obtain clinical research data that would justify a more expansive study that could be funded by extramural sources. This mechanism is distinct from the Deans’ Transformational Science Award (DTSA) yet shares many of the objectives of the DTSA, including fostering team science, enabling programmatic grant submissions, and monetizing research. Specific goals of the Provost’s Pilot Clinical Research Award are to promote clinician engagement in research, and to foster collaborations between basic scientists and clinical researchers. Details regarding the Provost’s Pilot Clinical Research Award are posted on the Research website under Funding Opportunities.

Dr. Penn also spoke about the establishment of the Jefferson Preclinical Core Facility in the Center for Translational Medicine. This new core offers a variety of cell tissue and animal models for human disease for drug characterization including in vivo models to analyze drug therapy. The core plans to expand to include other models or services provided by any TJU lab or core. There will be a fee for service to Jefferson faculty, and core services will also be available to academia and industry. Details can
be found on the Preclinical Core website:

New Business
  1. There will be a new JCoR subcommittee for shared services that will begin to meet in 2017
  2. You can now found seminars on the research website. Please review for any missing seminars.
      The goal is to get more seminars posted on the site. Contact Annette Chesson/Jessica Gutierrez

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm