Jefferson Committee of Research (JCoR)  
May 16, 2016  
JAH 407  
12:00PM-1:30PM  

Chair: Sue Menko, PhD  
Recording Secretary: Jessica Gutierrez  

Introduction  
Meeting was brought to order at 12:05pm by Dr. Menko. The committee approved the minutes from our previous meeting in April and they will be posted onto the JCoR site.  

Presentation by Steve McMahon, PhD, Associate Provost for Programmatic Research  
Dr. McMahon presented a status update on Programmatic Initiatives at Jefferson. He spoke on the different collaborations types of ongoing collaboration, on campus, regionally, nationally and internationally. He discussed the different institutional supports that are available at Jefferson that encourage collaborations and the development of programmatic initiatives, including JeffSolves, and about strategic international partnerships.  

Dr. McMahon updated the committee on the topics of Programmatic Teams that have been awarded thorough the Provost’s Office Programmatic Initiative. There have been two funding cycles so far, and many of the theme teams receiving support have already had successful outcomes.  

Presentation by Robin Sheldon, Vice President of Innovation Management  
Ms. Sheldon provided information on what faculty needs to know to navigate the intellectual property process at Jefferson. The Innovations Pillar has incorporated the functions of the old Office of Technology Transfer, including MTAs. The changes in organization were made to enhance our success in commercialization.  

Ms. Sheldon provided specifics on invention disclosure, ideas and invention that included information on Patent and Trademark Law dealing with intellectual property arising from federal government-funded research. Faculty should consider the importance of inventions disclosure because of the potential impacts on health and wellness, tenure, promotion and revenue share.  

Ms. Sheldon explained the process of how ideas and inventions are patented. It is a continual process that starts off with a presentation to the innovation evaluation committee. This committee meets weekly and decides whether to move a provisional forward, and provides advice to the applicant on how to strengthen their intellectual property. She explained that how things become commercialized is based on the sizable impact on health and wellness. Programs in which Jefferson participates that could help support the development of intellectual property include innovation matches QED, Germinator, EIR and Jaz Tank.
New and old business
Update: Andrea Mancaruso gave an update on the phishing/spam email. A small pilot group is now piloting new options to reduce the amount of phishing and spam that is received.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm