

Committee on Research (COMCOR)
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine
Annual Report 2011-2012

The committee is advisory for all aspects of related to research and the research environment in the Morsani College of Medicine. At the beginning of 2012, the Executive Committee on Research and Education (ECRE) of the college was replaced by two committees: Executive and Management Committee on Education (EMCE) and Executive and Management Committee on Research (EMCR). The chair of COMCOR is not an member of the EMCR, but has the role of liaison between the EMCR and the faculties. EMCR is the governance committee charged by the Dean with setting standards and metrics for governance of the research agenda and outcomes.

The 22nd Research Day was successfully hosted in USF Marshall Student Center on February 24 , 2012. Dr. Stephen Liggett from University of Maryland delivered the keynote speech. There were 351 scientific and clinical abstracts. Twenty-nine abstracts were presented by undergraduate students. The date of 23rd Research Day is set at February 22, 2013. The committee also decided to keep the current format of abstract submission for 2013 Research Day. The committee is currently seeking input for the keynote speaker for 2013 Research Day.

Research activity has a critical role in the accreditation of our medical school. Optimization of available research resources is critical to foster the research activity in the College. The formulation of research space assignment and the implementation of the formulae are conducted by EMCR. COMCOR has reviewed the utilization of the core facilities in the College. The constant challenge is to meet the need of core equipments demanded by a diverse group of faculties with a limited budget. IACUC protocol submission will be all electronic by 2013. Web-based training are available for all faculties to meet the new federal requirements to conduct animal research. The grant searching engine COS/PIVOT was introduced to the faculties of College through Research Development Service in Division of Sponsored Research.

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Lastly, COMCOR has a new initiative to set up a formal program for undergraduate students to conduct research in Morsani College of Medicine. This program will be an joint effort from Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) in the main campus and Research Office in Morsani College of Medicine

Dr. Borlongan stepped down as Chair of this committee after two years of service and Dr. Yip was elected to assume the role of Chair for 2011-2012. The committee continues to strive to improve research environment in the Morsani College of Medicine, both at clinical and basic science levels. We encourage anyone interested to comment and/or to offer assistance to the committee as we continue our efforts to foster research activity at the Morsani College of Medicine. Please contact me at dyip@health.usf.edu with any questions or comments.

Sincerely on behalf of the Morsani College of Medicine Committee on Research.

Kay-Pong Daniel Yip, PhD
Chair

USF COMCOR motion

Issues regarding to definition of research activity; May 24, 2012

Background : The efforts of training residents , clinical fellows, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate students are not credited with any Education Value Unit. The Committee has the consensus that training clinical fellows, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate students is an integral part of research activity. The effort of training clinical fellows, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate students should be counted as research activity .

Motion : COMCOR recommends that the College Administration recognizes the effort of training clinical fellows, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduate students as research activity.

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Policy Committee

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Basic Scientists:		Term Expires
Subhra Mohapatra, PhD	Molecular Medicine	2013
Kevin Nash, PhD	Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology	2013
Dahui Qin, MD, PhD	Oncologic Sciences	2013
Wenlong Bai, PhD	Pathology & Cell Biology	2012
Jaya Padmanabhan, PhD	Molecular Medicine	2012
Clinical Scientists:		
Alberto Chiappori, MD	Oncologic Sciences	2013
Srinivas Nagaraj, PhD	Internal Medicine	2013
Prasad Kulkarni, MD	Internal Medicine	2012
Carina Rodriguez, MD	Pediatrics	2012
School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences:		
Seok H. Kim, PT, PhD	Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences	2012
Lehigh Valley Partnership:		
Jeffrey Etchason, MD	LVHN	2013
Dean's Appointments (At Large):		
Carmelina Gemma, PhD	Neurosurgery & Brain Repair	2012
Edwin Weeber, PhD	Molecular Pharmacology & Physiology	2012
Andreas Seyfang, PhD	Neurosurgery & Brain Repair	2013
Branko Miladinovic, PhD	CTSI	2013
Angel Luciano, MD	Pediatrics	2013
Svitlana Garbuzova Davis, PhD	Center for Aging-Neuroscience	2013
Daniel (Kay Pong) Yip, PhD	Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology	2013
Other Committee Members		
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