

RAC Minutes: 5/14/09

**Lunch-** for the same price as sandwiches, Alicia Walters from the School of Pharmacy served up Fettuccini Alfredo with chicken on the side, meatless baked ziti, Caesar Salad and garlic bread. This was delicious. I felt like I was having a real meal. Several people commented that they wouldn't have to go to bed hungry, or for that matter, tired, since several indicated that they would be sleeping within the hour. Like that's new. Alicia has been nominated for the food committee.

**Introductions:**

New Epi Staff member- Cindy Geppi introduced us to Sunghee Flores, new research administrator who said that she is thrilled to have a lunch held for her in her honor.

**AARA Stimulus funding**

Dennis Paffrath, ORD. Dennis has a new swanky haircut. He looks way young.

- When entering a new proposal in COEUS, you select whether or not it's for stimulus funding or regular funding.
- Need to do this because we will use Stimulus data to determine stimulus hiring needs.
  
- When a Stimulus award occurs, HR will be notified by ORD. HR will then meet with the affected admin in order to work through the hiring process.
  
- NIH issued a hybrid award that combines stimulus funding with the regular funding.
  - Some awards: 2 yr stimulus, 2 year regular.
  - Will stimulus requirement be required for the all four years of the hybrid? Wait and see.
  - Will stimulus reporting become the norm? Wait and see. Hopefully, this will not happen esp. since you cannot add additional admin personnel to help administer the grant and a direct cost.

**Reporting Documentation:**

If you are blabbling about this worry in your sleep like some people I know, please read this. (I for one have scarier dreams about work in my sleep. Last night, I was going to put on a movie in NYC called After Brooklyn only the people involved would not tell me what the movie was about. It involved lemonade. Seeking interpretations.)

1. Still working on this with a subgroup in Rest. Funds. Also with CITS.
  - The ideal: a web page will pull data from Maximus, COEUS, and e UMB.
  - Then the investigator would complete the report. He would then hit send and the report would automatically go to the Feds. The PI's "sending" is his endorsement that all is good.

2. First stimulus reporting deadline- Oct 10, not July 10!
  - Feds still need to figure out how to collect the reporting data.
  - Reporting period= any start date to Sept 30.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter party- Oct 11.
3. We are still working to determine if /how the sub contractor can have access to the webpage.
4. Dennis is hiring a full time person in his office to make the sure that the reporting is done. The application period has closed, so you can't go work for Dennis yet.
5. Ken Fahnestock asked and Dennis confirmed that yes, if the Feds send you emails re: the stimulus award you've submitted, forward those to ORD.
6. So far, we've received 4 stim awards. 3 of these belong to PEDES and are pass through funds from the city of Baltimore. The City may add different reporting requirements. More waiting and seeing.

#### **Marc Wasserman- Post Award issues re: stim funding**

Financial services has set up a separate fund 184- grant standard to track stim funds. Three additional funds for Stim funds will be set up for deliverable, cost share, cost share for these awards.

Fund 184 is in testing stage. Once this is complete, proj ids will be expedited.

I am in the grip of sleep.

#### **Pat Holmes in her raunchy voice**

Upcoming Training:

1. F&A explained, offered by Lynne Kingsely, will be June 18<sup>th</sup>
  2. Room 600 HSF II 2-4 pm
  3. Effort training –July 21<sup>st</sup>
  4. Space Survey Training- week of Jun 8-12 and June 17
- Send Pat an email to let her know who to send the email to for training.

#### **Committee Update- Cherri Helms**

- OMB circular training – Monday – 110 people have registered.
- Coming up: the committee will reveal to us its strategic plan
- Working in conjunction with ORD: Grand Rounds and workshops in the Fall.

#### **Closeout Committee.**

Ken Fahnestock will be in touch with Cheryl Williams-Smith re: grant closeout.

#### **Joe Giffels conflict of interest re: objectivity and research**

- NIH is reviewing its rules as they pertain to this area. Possible changes coming.
- Survey period is right now.

- UMB does typically not respond to the survey, but we will monitor how other groups respond.
  - In these situations, we prefer to fly under the radar.

Web site is here: feel free to peruse it and view comments.

The link for the request for comments announcement is:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-099.html>

and comments that are eventually submitted will be posted at:

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

**Ken Fahnestock**– **Staff senate** elections until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Great response to so far. 18 people are running. A variety of school's are represented. Encourage your staff to vote.

**Sue Hobbs- NCURA** is in October. Register early if you want to stay in the hotel where the conference is being held.

**Meeting adjourned- 12:30.**