

School of Medicine Research Coordinating Council (RCC)

Minutes for Thursday, February 23, 2006

7:30-9:30 a.m., 251 BRB II/III

Present: Gaulton, Strom, Lazar, Metlay, Johnson, Rader, Schnall, Winston, Gocke

Absent: Drebin, Gur, Kaestner, Sehgal

Agenda

- Update on Biomedical Informatics (B. Strom)
- Discussion regarding RCC Meeting Continuity (B. Strom and G. Gaulton)
- Institute for Diabetes, Obesity, and Metabolism Presentation (Mitchell Lazar, MD, Ph.D.)
- Cardiovascular Institute Presentation (Michael Parmacek, MD)

Update on Biomedical Informatics (B. Strom)

Dr. Brian Strom presented an update on Biomedical Informatics in the School of Medicine (slides attached). Dr. Strom discussed differences between IT and Informatics, and noted strengths and weaknesses. Recommendations for Biomedical Informatics include 1) recognizing Biomedical Informatics as a new academic discipline, 2) development of a new Type II Center for Biomedical Informatics, and 3) recruitment of a strong leader who will serve as leader of the Type II center and ALSO Chief Information Strategist for BOTH SOM and UPHS. Faculty recruitment would be a major role, as would supervising the use of UPHS IT infrastructure to improve both patient care and research. Throughout the discussion, it was stressed that a collaborative leader, with strong strategic planning skills would be critical to the Center's success. Also noted was the need to develop the Type II Center within an academic discipline. Finally, the Center would also oversee core facilities, including clinical informatics (PICARD), Clinical Research Informatics (Oracle suite, research computing, and DNA bank, and the biomedical library. RCC members emphatically agreed that strong leadership was critical to integrating Biomedical Informatics into current academic disciplines, and encouraged Drs. Strom and Gaulton to stress the need for high-level input to provide strategic leadership for both SOM and UPHS.

The discussion regarding RCC meeting continuity, and Drs. Parmacek and Lazar's presentations will be postponed until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Gocke

The next RCC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2006 in 251 BRB II/III from 7:30am-9:00 am.