

## **School of Medicine Research Coordinating Council (RCC)**

Minutes for Thursday, January 4, 2007

8:00-9:00 a.m., 301 BRB II/III

Present: Gaulton, Strom, Gur, Kaestner, Lazar, Metlay, Rader, Schnall, Sehgal, Winston, Ahlborn, Passante, Pomager

Absent: Drebin, Johnson

### **Agenda**

#### **• Update on Penn Medicine Research Space Planning (continued)**

- Dr. Gaulton continued with the update on the School of Medicine's New Research Building (NRB) Feasibility Study which is being facilitated by Skidmore Owings & Merrill/GPR. Various faculty sub committees were formed and are meeting regularly, and several site visits to facilities at peer institutions have occurred. Numerous design concepts are being considered and two lab module concept options are being explored. Dr. Kaestner inquired why the current plans appear to reflect the BRB design when he feels the CRB design is much better. Dr. Gaulton commented that overall it was felt that the BRB design is more efficient and mobile. The challenge is to join the efficiencies of BRB, including flexibility in planning and use with the need to maintain contact between the faculty and their labs. The design team has not settled on a final layout and these views will be incorporated.
- Current plans are to initially construct one building on the Pennsylvania Hall site, with construction of a second building to occur in future years. Tower options were discussed versus the stacking options. The space budget was reviewed and open discussion followed on the processes for populating the new building space. The RCC members discussed numerous vivarium scenarios.
- Drs. Gaulton and Strom noted that they will arrange an update lunch meeting with the Dean and the RCC committee members, to review the RCC views.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pomager

***The next RCC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2007 in 301 BRB II/III from 8:00-9:00 a.m.***

#### **Action Items:**

Schedule a lunch meeting with the Dean and RCC Committee members.

#### **Past Action Items:**

Dr. Gaulton will discuss the potential for joint endowments with the clinical chairs.

Drs. Gaulton and Strom will discuss with the Dean the idea of increasing the number of endowed chairs for junior faculty, as well as soliciting and updated list of potential faculty candidates from the chairs.

Support for faculty in the area of childcare and auxiliary services.

Evaluation and improvement of the COAP process.

Dr. Gaulton would like to discuss the revisions of centers and institutes policies and then present at the SCDC meeting.

Dr. Goldman to return to discuss his proposal regarding nanobiology.

Revisit animal space constraints.

The Committee will also request that Dr. Trojanowski present the status of the IOA at a future meeting.