

Pharmaceutical Sciences Department

Meeting Minutes 02/09/21

Members Present:

Theresa Filtz, Conroy Sun, Phillip Proteau, Chrissa Kioussi, Taifo Mahmud, Chiron Alston, Aleksandra Sikora, Jane Ishmael, Maude David, Andriy Morgun, Gaurav Sahay, Adam Alani, Richard van Breemen, BJ Philmus, Kerry McPhail, Kevin Brown, Oleh Taratula, Fred Stevens, Arup Indra

Guests:

JJ Furuno

Theresa called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Follow-up
Good news	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maude David for media attention around her group's study on microbiome differences in children with autism presented at the Society for Neuroscience meeting in January. ○ Chrissa Kioussi for two recent publications with Maret Traber on Vitamin E in zebrafish published in <i>Scientific Reports</i> and <i>Nutrients</i>. ○ Arup Indra and Fred Stevens for support from the Agricultural Research Foundation to study meadowfoam natural products for dermatological applications. ○ Andriy Morgun and his former postdoc Richard Rodrigues for their inclusion on a publication in <i>Science</i> entitled "Fecal microbiota transplant overcomes resistance to anti-PD-1 therapy in melanoma patients." ○ Arup Indra for two appointments, one as domain leader for the National COVID cohort collaborative subdomain on COVID autoimmune skin disease and the other as faculty leader of the Pharmacy Cosmetics and Dermatology Research Consortium of OSU's Global Hemp Innovation Center. ○ Theresa for a recent publication with Fred Stormshak's research group 	NA
Department Chair search update with JJ Furuno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JJ Furuno is chairing search. Position was posted today, 2/9 for two weeks. Search Committee includes Jane Ishmael, Kerry McPhail, Andriy Morgun, Gaurav Sahay, with Siva Kolluri from Ag Sciences serving as Search Advocate. 	None
Graduate Admissions with Jane Ishmael	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 T32 Recruitment Event – Received 67 applications and interviewed nine domestic applicants. Ranking was consistent among faculty in feedback obtained after interviews. One student interviewed had offer from us, with additional offers going out this week. One applicant (not interviewed) is Fulbright Scholar, which requires top up funding, but we have some scholarship funds that can be used to cover costs. Potentially looking at class of 5 if all accept, and pending budget. 	Offers to be made this week, pending budget.

<p>Graduate program budget with Kerry McPhail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Studies meeting last week proposed ways in which to meet budget; total cost of grad students is \$643K with \$46K in other additional costs. Program priorities include maintaining support for current students and maintaining a quality program, among others. Asked to reduce budget by 20%, or about \$150K, which is why cuts are severe. Proposed cost cutting measures include cancelling 2021 summer undergraduate program (\$29.5K), cut one of three proposed incoming GTAs (\$33K), contributions from faculty equivalent to one term support for 7/14 current GTAs (\$73,500). • Long term budget ideas: Prioritize Ecampus MS program with GTA assisting to develop courses; funding incoming students on GTA for 2-3 years. Discussed pending MS applications coming in for fall 2021; application deadline is April for international students and June for domestic students. Jane will be contacting faculty interested in mentoring MS students. • Budget is uncertain for next year due to continued impacts of COVID. • Previous model in college used GTA for incoming and second year students only; may need to go back to this model; allows faculty chance to obtain grant funding to cover GRAs • We currently have 9 students on fellowships • Aleksandra suggested not recruiting GTAs for 2021; Kerry mentioned that biggest concern is lack of recruitment means we won't be successful in T32; if we don't have student to move into slot, we lose that money and risk losing renewal. • Phil brought up issue of bringing in fewer students in smaller cohorts makes it more difficult for students to be successful or research assistance to be successful in gaining grants. • Kerry commented that 8 students are graduating this year, so it's important to have Fulbright scholars, government sponsored students to replace them. • Fred added that if NIH funding is increased, this offsets tuition waivers; OSU is concerned about NIH portfolio declining. • Chrissa suggested that we should be actively applying for second T32 program given the two year process. Kerry mentioned that Richard's and Taifo's experience with data from initial application will be helpful for second application. Richard added that we have opportunity to use T32 students/trainees to write their own F31 applications and if successful, move off T32 funding. Maude added that she had tried to submit F31 application, but funding is generally reserved for those who are already well established and have other funding. Philip added that younger faculty who have mentored fewer students have less chance of receiving F31 award. Jane commented that students must have distinct project for funding. • Kerry commented on relationship between research success of PharmSci Graduate program and Pharm D enrollment, stating that we need to be independent from PharmD enrollment to support graduate research program. Theresa added that T-32 grant allows for a diversified revenue stream, which will be important moving forward. 	<p>Budget goes back to Graduate Studies Committee</p>
<p>Brief update on spring and fall teaching under COVID restrictions with Theresa Filtz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This fall is unknown; we are hoping for more in person lecture classes with split classroom time between groups (ex: 40 Tuesday/40 Thursday). OSU is hopeful but very cautious; no guarantees for any part of fall term; Theresa will be meeting with fall term course coordinators in a few months to prognosticate about the term; OSU does not expect everyone to be fully vaccinated by September; expectation is that we'll see a drawn out process and cannot rely on vaccination as plan for moving forward. • OSU has no plan/capacity to vaccinate faculty; K-12 has priority and faculty/staff (at this time) should plan to be vaccinated through county/state vaccine distribution schedule. There is no plan for graduate or 	<p>Theresa to meet with Course Coordinators in coming months to plan for Fall term</p>

	undergrad vaccinations at OSU at this time. OSU researchers at OHSU RLSB have been offered vaccine; does not include Corvallis based faculty.	
Interdisciplinary graduate program discussions update with Theresa Filtz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Brett Tyler scheduled for today. Project is in discussion stage. 	Meeting scheduled for 2/9; report will be emailed to department.
Meeting survey review with Theresa Filtz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion due to lack of time. 	Theresa will send out results by email

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.