Minutes
UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH)
Wisconsin Partnership Program Education and Research Committee
December 12, 2011 at 5:00PM – Room 4201 Health Sciences Learning Center

Members Present: Betty Chewning, Marc Drezner, Norm Drinkwater, Jenny Gumperz, Craig Kent, Rob Lemanske, Paul Moberg, Rick Moss, Greg Nycz, Tom Oliver, Elizabeth Petty, Pat Remington, James Shull

Staff: Quinton Cotton, Cathy Frey, Mary Jo Knobloch, Tonya Mathison, Ken Mount, Eileen Smith, Steve Smith

Guests: Sanjay Asthana (Medicine), Edward Bender (Human Oncology), Randall Brown (Family Medicine), Mark Burkard (Medicine), Dorothy Farrar-Edwards (School of Education), Carey Gleason (Medicine), Kevin Kozak (Human Oncology), Peter Nichol (Surgery), Oliver Wieben (Medical Physics)

1. Call meeting to order
Moss called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

2. Announcements

UW System Board of Regents acceptance of WPP 2010 Annual Report
On December 8, 2011, Dean Golden presented the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 2010 Annual Report to the UW System Board of Regents. Moss reported that the Annual Report was received favorably by the Regents.

Draft motions on Collaborative Health Sciences Program
Moss asked members to review the draft motions on the Collaborative Health Sciences Program in preparation for a more detailed discussion of the Request for Proposals in January 2012. WPP staff will send a copy by email for member input before the meeting.

3. Decision on draft minutes of November 7, 2011
Oliver seconded a motion by Remington to approve the draft minutes of November 7, 2011. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Presentation of and decision on Wisconsin Partnership Program 2012 Program Leadership and Administrative Budget

Eileen Smith presented an overview of the WPP program leadership and administrative budget for 2012, totaling $1,076,538. The budget covers 8.75 FTE, including a new Senior University Relations Specialist. Other costs include supplies, travel, reviewer and evaluation services, conferences and meetings, training and development, and publications. Nycz seconded a motion by Remington to approve PERC’s portion of the 2012 budget, totaling $699,750. Nycz asked that future presentations include a percentage comparison of administration and programmatic expenses. The motion passed with 12 affirmative votes. Moberg did not participate in the discussion, and abstained from the vote. He receives salary support from the WPP as an evaluator for the Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families.
5. Financial report on Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment value and cash balances

Mount presented the financial projections for the WPP through November 30, 2011. The value of the endowment was projected to have decreased by 1.70% in November to a value of $291.7 million; 3.51% above its original value. There is a total cash balance of $32.8 million, $20.1 million of which is allocated to PERC.

6. Adjournment-Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to interview the faculty finalists and to determine the grant award(s) for the competitive New Investigator Program. The meeting is expected to reconvene into open session.

Petty seconded a motion by Shull to adjourn the meeting into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c), (e) and (f) to interview the faculty finalists and to determine the grant awards for the competitive New Investigator Program. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PERC interviewed seven finalists for the 2011 cycle of the New Investigator Program. Before the interviews began, Kent declared a conflict of interest on Peter Nichol’s proposal. Kent wrote a letter of support as the Chair of the Department of Surgery. Kent was present for Dr. Nichol’s presentation to PERC, but did not participate in asking questions following Nichol’s presentation. Kent did not initially score Nichol’s proposal, and also absented himself during discussion and did not vote on the proposal for the final ranking.

After a thorough discussion of the seven proposals, the committee agreed to reconvene the meeting in open session and confirmed the motion made during closed session to fund the following three proposals:

- Mark Burkard, MD, PhD, Department of Medicine, “Personalizing therapy of women with polyploid breast cancers”
- Carey Gleason, PhD, MS, Department of Medicine, “Screening for Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) in African Americans”
- Kevin Kozak, MD, PhD, Department of Human Oncology, “Rational Molecular Multi-targeting in Lung Cancer Treatment”

7. Adjourn – next meeting January 9, 2012

Moss adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Recorder, Tonya Mathison