Executive Leadership Committee
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 3:00-4:30pm
HPNP Room 4102

Summary

Present: Dr. M. Perri, Dr. T. Barnett, Dr. L. Cottler, Dr. D. Janicke (for Dr. G. Smith), Dr. C. Mainous, Dr. W. Mann, Dr. S. Nitttrouer, Dr. P. Qiu, Dr. T. Sabo-Attwood, Dr. K. Vandenborne, Mr. G. Gowan, Ms. J. Pease, Ms. L. Stevens, and Ms. B. Dermott

1. Outstanding Alumni – Dr. Perri reported that all the 2015 departmental alums of the year will be invited to PHHP Convocation. It was agreed that the pool for the college alum of the year will include the senior alums from this year and Hugh Catts and Frank Gainer from previous years. AP: Brigit will send brief bios of all nominees along with a ballot. Lindsey noted that we also need to select two young alums of the year for the Foundation’s ceremony. It was agreed to open up nominations, as the Foundation and college criteria differ.

2. Convocation speaker – AP: Dr. Perri asked for recommendations for speakers with broad appeal who are capable of giving an inspiring commencement address.

3. Development update- Lindsey Stevens reported that two OT alums are attending Grand Guard events this week. Department board conference calls are in progress and going well. She is working on the retired faculty luncheon in February. The event will include a presentation on healthy aging; Dr. Smith will present on dementia prevention. AP: Let Lindsey know if there are faculty members who are working in area of healthy aging who can join the panel. Lindsey announced that EGH received a $100K award from a board member and noted that collectively the college has raised $340K as a result of the fall board meeting. Dr. Perri shared the recommendations of the dean’s cabinet that departments have targeted dinners as opposed to larger events. They also suggested expanding the membership of the department boards to between four and six members.

4. Advancement Resources meeting – Dr. Perri noted that the second part of this meeting will take place on December 14 and will focus on communication. All chairs are invited and should plan to attend.

5. Media update – Jill Pease reported that the UF Cancer Center magazine featured three epidemiology faculty members. The Palm Beach Post listed Dr. Meenakshi Devidas as #3 among Florida’s top funded scientists. Dr. Ron Rozensky was quoted in an APA Monitor article on psychology workforce studies. A story about RSD
student Corey Simon’s research on lower back pain treatment was picked up by several outlets including Health News Digest. Health Day requested a comment from Dr. Linda Cottler on a study from University of Michigan on bullying and ADHD medications. Dr. Linda Struckmeyer was interviewed by the *Villages Daily Sun* on home modifications and assistive devices for older adults who are visiting during the holidays. Jill also reminded chairs that she sent materials for development brochures and that the deadline for text and photos is January 15.

6. IT update – Geof Gowan described a new secure research computing service, Gatorvault, which can be used with restricted data. He asked chairs to think about faculty starting new research projects who might be interested in trying the service.

7. UF PhD Programs Policies and Recommendations – Dr. Blue provided a close-to-final draft of best practices and policies for PhD programs, which she has shared with program directors. The group discussed the requirement for departments to track graduates for 10 years. It was noted that departments will need to develop strategies for following up with non-responders.

8. Holidays – Dr. Blue reminded chairs that students can find holidays stressful and faculty should proactively make sure students do not feel isolated

9. Diversity Committee update – Dr. Blue reported that Diversity Day was a great success and noted that the committee also hosted a second cultural competence workshop with 25 attendees. She showed the diversity website, and it was suggested that the site would be improved with more images. AP: The committee would like to attend upcoming departmental faculty meetings to gather feedback.

10. Travel to Haiti – Dr. Perri noted that due to increased volume the college will centrally coordinate our use of the UF residences at Christianville. AP: Notify Brigit Dermott of planned travel well in advance in order to ensure a place.

11. Staff council working group – Dr. Perri asked for nominations for members of a staff council working group. This group will develop policies, procedures and mission for staff council. AP: Send nominations to Brigit Dermott.

12. Faculty and Staff Dinner – Dr. Perri reminded chairs that they need to RSVP for the event and should also encourage award recipients and new employees to attend.

13. Research update – Dr. Cottler reminded chairs that FEO applications are due. She provided the monthly awards summary. She also reminded chairs about the CTSI K to R Bootcamp and noted there are online toolkits for K awards and T32s. Finally she announced that Cancer Center has associate director positions currently posted.

14. Announcements – All
   a. Dr. Blue announced that the Graduate Student Council is hosting a Meet and Greet 11/19 and encouraged faculty to attend.
   b. Dr. Mainous announced that the MHA accreditation site visit is this week.
   c. Dr. Sabo-Attwood announced that four EGH students are defending this week. Dr. Rick Rheingans won a PATH grant. Dr. Joseph Bissesi is part of the first cohort of the global fellows program.
   d. Dr. Cottler announced that the data from the Health Street community needs assessment is available and includes useful demographics.