Executive Leadership Committee
Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 3:00 pm
HPNP Room 4102
Summary

Present: Dr. M. Perri, Dr. T. Barnett (for Dr. A. Hall), Dr. A. Blue, Ms. A. Burne, Dr. L. Cottler, Dr. D. Janicke, Dr. C. Le Prell, Dr. W. Mann, Dr. N. Marlow (for Dr. C. Mainous), Dr. P. Qiu, Dr. T. Sabo-Attwood, Dr. K. Vandenborne, and Ms. B. Dermott

1. Action Points follow up
   a. Promotion and Tenure – Dr. Perri reported that all comments have been integrated and the educational and clinical portfolio templates have been revised. Dr. Perri reported that the goal is to send the document out for a faculty vote by Friday of this week.

2. Strategic planning – Dr. Perri suggested that in addition to the college-level strategic planning process that is underway, it would be beneficial to incorporate planning at the department level. He requested that the chairs use a traditional SWOT analysis to consider each part of the department’s mission—education, research, and service—with a particular focus on opportunities. The multi-department programs—MPH, BHS, and RSD—should also complete this analysis. Departments should aim to complete this by February 1. Dr. Perri noted that chairs should allow for faculty input, but the SWOT analysis does not require a formal process.

3. Research update – Dr. Cottler reported that the CTSI grant is due January 15 and will be sent to external reviewers on Monday, December 8. Data tables for training grants have been requested from all HSC grants. It was noted that data collected for CEPH could be helpful. Dr. Cottler also announced that Margaret Friend is looking to connect people working in gene therapy with a drug company. Chairs were asked to forward any names of people working in this area to Dr. Mainous.

4. Administrative update – Dr. Perri distributed a summary of progress on the cancer preeminence initiative that was presented by Dr. Paul Okunieff and Dr. Tom Pearson. Drs. Okunieff and Pearson received feedback from NCI in DC, which indicates that UF is making progress toward NCI status but has not accomplished all that is required to be awarded this designation. At present, UF is short 25-30 funded investigators of the requirement. In order to move the initiative along, colleges have been asked to identify and bring forward all faculty working in
cancer. It was also noted that training grants including cancer components will be eligible for preeminence funding. The initiative is putting an emphasis on building infrastructure—including funding local/seed grants and lab renovation—and providing bridge funding for grants pending renewal. The goal is to submit an application for NCI status in September 2017. Dr. Perri also announced that Bill Robinson is retiring and Jim Kelly has been named interim CFO for UF Health. Finally, Dr. Perri reported that the service for Anna Gutekunst will be held on Saturday, December 6, at 6:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church.

5. Announcements – All
   a. Dr. Vandenborne announced that Dr. Heather Ross received a grant from the American Physical Therapy Association. She also announced that the PT students are organizing a golf tournament to benefit muscular dystrophy. Committee members provided suggestions to help publicize the event.
   b. Dr. Mann announced that the current issue of the Post includes an article about an OT student who is a former Olympic swimmer.
   c. Dr. Le Prell announced that the SLHS department is hosting a small meeting at UF for reps from the Army, Navy and Marines regarding research in weapon discharges and noise suppressors.
   d. Dr. Sabo-Attwood announced that three EGH students won travel awards to separate conferences. Cuc Tran was awarded a spot in the CDC EID program. Finally, one of Dr. Sabo-Attwood’s students won a USDA fellowship.
   e. Dr. Barnett announced that Faculty Council reviewed the revised P&T guidelines and had no changes. The council is currently working on the college bylaws.
   f. Dr. Cottler announced that Dr. Deepthi Varma will receive a CTSI grant.