College of Public Health and Health Professions
Executive Leadership Committee
Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 3:00 pm
HPNP Room 4102
Summary

Present: Dr. M. Perri, A. Burne, Dr. L. Cottler, Dr. B. Curbow, Dr. P. Duncan, Dr. S. George (for Dr. K. Vandenborne), Dr. L. Gonzalez Rothi, Dr. S. Griffiths, Dr. S. Hanson, Dr. W. Latimer, Dr. M. Peoples-Sheps, Dr. T. Sabo-Attwood (for Dr. G. Gray), Dr. C. Sapienza, and Ms. B. Dermott

1. Dr. David Norton, Vice President for Research provided an update on research initiatives at University of Florida. One focus will be clearly identified areas of excellence, such as “dense intense informatics” (big data). Other initiatives include mentoring of young faculty, industry outreach, and grant writing assistance. Dr. Norton also mentioned the Science Communication Academy. Dr. Norton closed with a reminder that the Office of Research’s mission is to assist faculty research efforts and his office welcomes communication from faculty.

2. Action points follow-up
   - Convocation – It was agreed that all departments will be included in the program. Those departments that do not have awards to hand out will be recognized by Dr. Perri at the start of the program. Chairs were reminded that mention of awards for students not present or for awards that have already been given out should be kept short. Reminder: no regalia at convocation.
   - Program reviews – Dr. Perri reminded chairs that program reviews are due May 1. Dr. Perri noted that grant awards summary data for the first three quarters of the year is sufficient. The fourth quarter can be addressed in narrative form, as extrapolations will be difficult due to sequestration.

3. CEPH – Dr. Peoples-Sheps noted that self-study is due to CEPH the first week of September. As a result, the due date for entering material into FAR will move up to July 15. AP: Andrea will open the system and send an email to the chairs regarding the deadline.

4. Research update – In response to Dr. Norton’s presentation, Dr. Cottler suggested that chairs should think of other areas of focus to be included at the university level future planning. Dr. Perri noted that the FEO committee did not award all the
money available due to the quality of the applications received. It was agreed that
the College will make it a priority to improve the quality of FEO applications. The
issue of unfunded research time for junior faculty was raised, and it was suggested
that this might be a possible focus for the ELC retreat. Dr. Cottler handed out
question cards for the Town Hall PHHP Research meeting on scheduled for
Tuesday, April 30. **AP: Submit questions/topics to Tonia Lambert.** Dr. Cottler
handed out an editorial from *Science* regarding honorary authorship for
consideration as a point of academic ethics.

5. **Administrative update – Dr. Perri** provided an update from the provost’s RCM
meeting and noted that it seems likely that RCM will not change this year. Dr. Perri
also discussed the impact of the legislative budget and the possible funds allocated
to UF. He also led a discussion about how to handle unspent start-up funds when
faculty members leave UF or time out. He noted that the source of funds must be
taken into account in decision making. Dr. Perri noted that the regulations
regarding start-up funds must be clear in offer letters, and that start-up funds
should be requested with a specific purpose.

6. **Announcements – All**

- Dr. George announced that the DPT student posters will be displayed in the
  HPNP Atrium from 1-3 on April 24, the commencement brunch will be held
  on Friday, April 25, followed by the graduation ceremony. Dr. Steve Levine
  is the invited speaker at brunch. He also announced that the first
  accreditation document is out for review with external readers.
- Dr. Duncan announced that Sarah Bauer received a fellowship with AHRQ
  (Agency for HealthCare Research and Quality). He also announced that the
  MHA students will have their graduation event Thursday, May 2.
- Dr. Latimer announced that all the core staff positions in CHP have been
  filled.
- Dr. Sapienza announced that AuD commencement reception is planned for
  Friday, April 26. She also announced that Allison Curran, Allison Trainer
  and Sarai Vargas-Vera received Presidential Service Awards.
- Dr. Cottler announced that Dr. Robert Cook was named a UF Research
  Foundation Professor. Cheryl Weston was awarded the Gabor Employee
  Recognition Award. Dr. Xiaohui Xu was awarded an FEO.