College of Public Health and Health Professions Executive Leadership Committee
Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 3:00 pm
HPNP Room 4102
Summary

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

1. Dr. David Fuller provided an update about recent happenings with the Rehabilitation Science Doctoral (RSD) Program. He discussed the new leadership team, revised student handbook, new student activity tracking system, and improvements to the program website. He noted some new activities such as biannual student forum, seminar series, and student mentor program. He noted that the program leadership has been implementing the graduate program best practices as outlined in the provost’s report.

2. Action points follow-up
   • Program reviews – Dr. Perri reported that he has received reviews from most departments and asked that any remaining be sent to him ASAP.

3. Convocation – Dr. Perri noted that the event will begin at 8:30 am. He reminded the chairs that a photographer will be present, and they should allow for a picture with their department awardees.

4. Research update – Dr. Cottler provided a summary of the Town Hall meeting, including a presentation of NIH statistics. She noted that departments should announce via the newsletter and other avenues when faculty are awarded grants. Dr. Cottler also provided an organization chart for the Grants Core, as well as specific assignments for Grants Core personnel.

5. Administrative update – Dr. Perri reported that the Foundation plans to launch “Florida Next” as an interim before the next Capital Campaign. It was agreed that the fundraising goals for PHHP are professorships and scholarships. Dr. Perri also provided an update on the state budget and funding for higher education. Dr. Perri also discussed the impact of sequestration on NIH funding and noted that the
situation may be worse than expected. Finally, he discussed the tenure and promotion process and the Academic Personnel Board.

6. Announcements
   - Dr. Peoples-Sheps complimented Dr. Latimer on Public Health Minute radio program.
   - Dr. Griffiths announced that SLHS graduate student Amanda Kraemer was awarded 2013 Member Honors by the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA). The ASL Honor Society is hosting Idol Night, where contestants will perform in sign language.
   - Dr. Mann announced that the RORC received funding and it will start up officially on October 1. As a result, he will be stepping down as chair of OT during the coming year.
   - Dr. Latimer announced a possible syndication of Public Health Minute with WYNC, or Fordham Public Radio. He is also working on a documentary film project about HIV/AIDS in South Africa.
   - Dr. Tara Sabo-Atwood announced that she was accepted in the UF’s Communication Academy.
   - Dr. Cottler announced that the certificate in psychiatric epidemiology has been approved. She is also teaching a grant writing course in Summer C about writing F31s. **AP: Dr. Cottler will send out the course description.**
   - Dr. Vandenborne announced that 54 students graduated and the department held its first “White Coat” event. She also announced that Dr. Mark Bowden received the Eugene Michels New Investigator Award from the APTA.
   - Dr. Foss announced that the OT department presented nine papers at the American Occupational Therapy Association meeting.
   - Dr. Duncan announced that HSRMP hosted a retirement event for Dr. Niccie McKay and Dr. and Mrs. Gapenski endowed a scholarship in her name as a retirement gift.