Executive Leadership Committee  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014, 3:00 pm  
HPNP Room 4102  
Summary

Present: Dr. M. Perri, Ms. A. Burne, Dr. L. Cottler, Dr. J. Foss (for Dr. W. Mann), Dr. S. George (for Dr. K. Vandenborne), Dr. A. Hall, Dr. S. Hanson, Dr. D. Janicke, Dr. C. Le Prell, Dr. C. Mainous, Dr. J. Pomeranz (for Dr. A. Blue), Dr. P. Qiu, Dr. T. Sabo-Attwood, Mr. G. Gowan, Ms. L. Stevens, and Ms. B. Dermott

1. Pepper Center Research Career Development Component – Dr. Christiaan Leeuwenburgh presented this university-wide career development program. Dr. Leeuwenburgh encouraged chairs to think of junior faculty working with components of aging who might be good candidates for the program. It was noted that participants will have 75% protected time dedicated to training in the program. The goal of the program is to have participants receive an RO1 in year three.

2. Action Items follow-up  
   a. Strategic Plan – Dr. Hanson outlined the next steps in the strategic planning process. Faculty council will look at the HSC’s long-term outcomes and continue the brainstorming process for PHHP. The ELC and program directors will be sent the HSC LTOs electronically and also do more brainstorming. In three weeks, strategic planning participants will come back together to discuss. The goal is to complete the LTO component before moving on to next steps.

3. Development update – Dr. Perri summarized the discussion at the last meeting related to shifting the focus of development activities to a department level. It was agreed that the new approach will be presented at the Development Advisory board meeting on October 31. Ms. Stevens gave an update on the plans for Reunion. **AP: Chairs should confirm attendance with Brigit.** Lindsey also reported that PHHP has one OT alum attending Grand Guard. Dr. Perri noted that the OT department will be responsible for arranging a tour and a luncheon.

4. Media update – Ms. B. Dermott reported on the following media activities behalf of Ms. J. Pease: Dr. Mainous appeared on the homepage of the *Journal of the American Heart Association* in a featured author profile. Dr. Michelle Troche was interviewed by *U.S. News and World Report* on post-stroke speech rehab. Dr. Cottler was interviewed by *Psychiatric News* for an article on an epidemiological study of the
prevalence of disabilities in children. Two news releases went out on articles by Dr. Ira Longini related to Ebola and statistical models to respond to new disease outbreaks. Dr. Longini was also interviewed by the New York Times regarding the CDC’s new Ebola predictions. Dr. David Fedele will appear in a live TV 20 Medical Spotlight in November to discuss the importance of smoking cessation for parents with children who have asthma.

5. Dr. Perri reported on the SEC conference. He noted that while the quality of the talks was variable, it is a worthwhile endeavor. He suggested that attracting attendees and participants from outside SEC will further the mission of the conference. Next year’s theme will be Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship.

6. IT update – Mr. G. Gowan reported on new options for network storage in addition to s:/ and p:/ drive. One Drive, Microsoft cloud-based storage, will be available but cannot be used by people who have any interactions with PHI. GatorBox, a drop box like system, cloud-based storage, is approved for users who access PHI. GatorVault is also on the horizon, a storage enclave designed for sensitive information; users enter the environment and access data within a “privacy bubble.”

7. Research update – Dr. Cottler reported that she is organizing the student presentations for the board meeting. She also reported that she recently attended a meeting in Washington, DC, with legislative lobbyists, related to appropriations.

8. Announcements – All
   a. Dr. Cottler announced that a preeminent cancer candidate will be visiting UF. Epidemiology held a department retreat last week. Dr. Cottler also noted that she received a scientific achievement award from the National Association of Responsible Gaming.
   b. Dr. Qiu announced that the Biostatistics department seminar will be given by an expert in big data.
   c. Dr. Foss announced that Dr. Winter was awarded $1.9M four-year grant to look at OT driving interventions for veterans.
   d. Dr. Le Prell announced that the SLHS department is planning next year’s pediatric hearing loss conference.
   e. Dr. Hanson announced that the academic approval system includes a number of updated forms and processes. She urged chairs to make sure their departments are using the most recent forms, and to check the Provost’s website to make sure they are following current procedures.