

RESEARCH  
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Thursday, February 23, 2023  
4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Zoom

**Attendees:** Wadih Arap, Elisa Bandera, Adam Berger, Stephen Burley, Nando Cirelli, Chang Chan, Carolyn Heckman, Christian Hinrichs, Howard Hochster, Haejin In, Yibin Kang, Anita Kinney, Edmund Lattime, Gina Londino-Greenberg, Cristina Montagna, Tracie Saunders, Sarah Scharf, Zhiyuan Shen, Antoinette Stroup, Linda Tanzer, Eileen White, X.F. Steven Zheng, Wei-Xing Zong

**Agenda**

1. Catchment Area Updates

- For the upcoming EAB and NCI Site Visit presentations, some of the Research Programs still need to include specific examples of how bidirectional communication shaped a research project.
- There was discussion of how the COE Program Liaisons are doing.
  - o Dr. Stroup may need to give some further guidance on how they can best fulfill their responsibilities, including resending the lists of tasks that they can perform.
  - o Dr. Stroup and Daniel Pearson will also be meeting with the Program Liaisons individually and in a group meeting.
- As the COE Program Liaisons become busier, there may be a need for some of them to transition from the role.
- There was agreement that setting more defined expectations for the COE Program Liaisons could be beneficial.
- It was noted how the Basic Research faculty continue to face challenges in connecting their science to catchment area priorities and disparities.
  - o Making such connections could be a topic for a future scientific retreat.
- The reminder was given that in the EAB/NCI Site Visit presentations, the term “Underrepresented Group (URG)” should be used instead of “Underrepresented Minority (URM)”.
  - o Gina Londino-Greenberg will send a reminder of this terminology to the Medical Writers too, who are helping to review and edit the slide sets.
- It was confirmed that the Shared Resources should aim to update the scientific examples and featured grants in their digital posters.

2. New Investigator Awards

- The RLC was informed that through CCSG funding and AD Budget available funds, there was enough funding to issue five New Investigator Awards (NIAs).
- Approval was given for NIAs to Dr. Christina Glytsou and Dr. Andrea Villanti, along for the Members nominated in Fall 2022 (Dr. Benjamin Bates, Dr. Ai Lim, and Dr. Pingping Hou).

- Drs. Michelle Chan and Ricardo Zamudio were discussed as potential NIA recipients for FY2024, once the new AD budgets have become available. Their nominations can be discussed again at a future RLC meeting (e.g., June 2023).
- There was discussion of whether there would be funding in Dr. In's AD DEI budget to make NIAs to recruits belonging to Underrepresented Groups (URGs).
- Administration confirmed that all NIAs and pilot awards, regardless of whether the funding came from CCSG or Institutional/Philanthropic Support, were counted in the metrics for Developmental Funds.

### 3. Linking Research Programs to Clinical Trials in DT4

- The question was raised of whether it would be helpful to provide each set of Program Leaders a report of all clinical trials, for them to review and identify any studies that may be missing.
  - o It is beyond the scope of the CTRP Coordinator in OHRS to identify "missing" studies in the Research Programs.
  - o The RLC was not sure if such a course of action would be very helpful.
- It was noted that some non-resident Research Program Members are not always aware that their clinical trials need to be approved by the Scientific Review Board (SRB) and be entered into ONCORE, in addition to getting IRB approval.
  - o The new Cancer Prevention and Control (CPC) DSG is working on a process to address this issue for CPC Members.
  - o Once the CPC DSG is fully operational, SOPs will be developed to better maintain cooperation and compliance among the Membership
- There is currently a question on the Rutgers eIRB form about whether the PI is a CINJ Member. If the response is a "yes", then Rutgers IRB sends the application to the SRB.
- The CPC Program Leaders will liaise with Tracie Saunders and OHRS offline to address the matter of CPC Members appropriately completing the eIRB application.

#### **Next Meeting**

March 30, 2023 via Zoom