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Cancer Institute
of New Jersey
RUTGERS HEALTH

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Thursday, October 7, 2021 4:00 to 5:00 pm Zoom

<u>Attendees</u>: Adam Berger, Stephen Burley, Chang Chan, Shridar Ganesan, Carolyn Heckman, Christian Hinrichs, Haejin In, Anita Kinney, Edmund Lattime, Gina Londino-Greenberg, Sarah Scharf, Zhiyuan Shen, Ioannis Stasinopoulos, Linda Tanzer, Eileen White, X.F. Steven Zheng, Wei-Xing Zong,

Agenda

- 1. CCSG Updates
 - Please see attached PowerPoint presentation.
 - There was agreement that there should be limited, standard cancer relevance percentages that can be assigned to funding: 100%, 75%, 50%, and 25%.
 - Program Leaders were cautioned against being too stringent when assessing the funding and in assigning cancer relevance.
 - Associate Directors can help the Program Leaders to avoid including too many awards with limited cancer relevance. It was agreed that it would be better for the Research Programs to list a fewer number of awards in their funding table if the overall percent of cancer relevance would be higher.
 - It was noted that there would always be "gray areas" in which the Program Leaders and Associate Directors would need to exercise informed judgment to justify cancer relevance of funding.
 - The list of cancer relevant topics was further updated to include the following topics:
 - Technology related to drug discovery and development
 - Developmental Pathways that are altered in cancer
 - Omics and Technology Development
 - Structural Biology
 - o Side Effects of Cancer
 - Cancer Supportive Care
 - The Funding Tables and Membership Rosters will be reviewed annually at a RLC meeting toward the end of the year.
 - o This annual review will occur at the December 2021 RLC meeting.
 - The Membership Application needs to be updated to:
 - o include a section for the ORCID
 - be more streamlined
 - o be in an online format
 - An updated version of the Membership application will be presented at a future RLC meeting.
 - G. Londino-Greenberg will work with Faculty Affairs to fill out Membership application forms for resident faculty recruits.
 - Marcy Waldinger should be consulted regarding what are being considered appropriate roles within a Research Program that can be assigned to the Members.
 - Center Administration was advised that the Members' Scientific Leadership roles and service (e.g., Research Leadership Council, Consortium Steering Committee, etc.), as well as any major awards, need to be collected.

 This information should also be shared in Researcher Profiles displayed on the CINJ website.

2. CCSG Shared Resources (Berger)

- Dr. Berger was advised to be prepared to justify \$1 million of institutional support to the Biomedical Informatics Shared Resource.
 - Several FTEs also need to be removed from this Shared Resource's budget, as their roles are not strictly dedicated to the SR activity.
- For the Biostatistics Shared Resource, it is crucial for the Biostatisticians to track how often they are put on grants.
 - The Shared Resources team has been trying to identify and track email communications between the Biostatisticians and PIs that constitute consultations.
 - o This Shared Resource has been dealing with issues of personnel turnover.