

Meeting Minutes June 21, 2007

In Attendance:

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Center name:

The team looked at the list of possible names proposed via e-mail discussion and decided they did not need to include pediatric or child/children in the center name. Considering how the name would be perceived from the lay perspective, they eliminated several options reducing the list to four. Since we have not heard back from MarComm as of yet, the final decision will be deferred pending their input. These four are still under consideration:

- 1) Center for tissue repair, regeneration, and transplantation
- 2) The Center for Cell and Tissue Sciences
- 3) The Center for Tissue Restoration
- 4) Center for Cell Sciences and Tissue Regeneration.

Advisory discussions:

Since the last meeting, Allison spoke with several external advisors including those from Columbus, UW 815 Mercer Group, UW Main campus, Benaroya Research and FHCR. They discussed what their organizations are doing, how they are approaching their research, and their research priorities. They were very positive and supportive and it seems there is much to be learned from them. (See more detail in the attached PowerPoint slides).

Recruiting:

The committee then discussed areas to consider when recruiting. Reference attached slides for areas that Allison brought out. The team expanded on her ideas and mentioned other areas to consider.

1. Tissue bioengineer – several names were suggested.
2. Developmental biologist working in the field of vascular development or another field relevant to the center's focus areas.
3. An epithelial cell biologist may have cross center interest (Center for Translational and Clinical Sciences)
4. Vascular biologist

5. A translational investigator who is working in one of the center's focus areas and is experienced in both basic and clinical investigation.

Priorities discussion:

The committee then reviewed the results of the priorities survey. They agreed to reduce the number to a few top priorities that the center can focus on in the next few years. They combined some and eliminated the lower priority items from the list.

The remaining priorities will be worded more succinctly and then the team will again be surveyed to establish the final ranking.

Below is the revised list including notations made during the meeting (in bold). Items were removed from the list, but only those deemed lower priority by the survey respondents.

Strategic Priorities Survey Results

Ranking	Research Priorities	# response	Average (lower is better)
1	We will recruit several senior level investigators whose research (basic or clinical) has translational relevance and who will help to unite all investigators in the center. Potential areas of expertise might include epithelial cell biology, vascular biology, developmental biology and mouse genetics.	13	3.31
2	We will have bridge funding mechanisms and guidelines. Add words about retention, sustaining or maintaining staff, and critical mass	13	3.54
3	We will invest in training and education of new students, fellows and junior faculty anticipated to become future research leaders. We will provide researchers protected time apart from clinical and teaching responsibilities. Should include retention and mentorship.	13	3.77
4	Our center will build close relationships with successful university based programs developing successful partnerships to further our research goals.	13	4.04
Combine w/4	We will capitalize on the rich geography and work with our partner institutions to break down administrative barriers to better foster collaborations (especially with UW and FHCRC core facilities).	13	4.50

Ranking	Research Priorities - Core Ranking	# response	Average
1	Cutting edge imaging core with molecular, cellular, tissue, and whole animal imaging capabilities. (This is an institution-wide need)	13	2.19
2	Cell culture core. Develop processes to move towards expanded service cell culture core and increase access to tissue specimens.	13	2.81
3	Tissue processing and pathology services (specific services still to be discussed).	12	2.83
4	Human tissue/DNA/RNA/protein processing, archiving and storage core facility. This repository will comply with HIPPA and IRB regulations and will enable SCHRI researchers to have access to this valuable resource.	13	4.15

Ranking	Research Priorities - Administrative	# response	Average
1	Grant writing and manuscript support, grant prospect research (targeted)	9	2.56
2	Information Technology Support (images, files, on call, flexible) Bioinformatics	12	3.67
3	Transportation of samples (can we work to utilize the shuttles?) This should be worked at an institutional level.	9	4.22
4	Biostatistical & data analysis resources	10	4.57
5	Efficient purchasing and delivery system (ordering receiving and delivery) Central stores inventory (barcode/ card system)	12	4.75
6	Resources to sponsor speakers, conferences, or seminar series.	10	5.20

Further discussion:

Heather mentioned that the committee will want to plan to attend the strategic planning forum in August where the vision and strategic priorities will be presented. This will give all stakeholders an opportunity for feedback and discussion. The forum for the Center for Tissue and Cell Biology is scheduled for Friday, August 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium. More details will be worked via e-mail over the next few weeks.

Action: Wordsmith the priorities and send out a new prioritization survey. Compile and send the results to the committee. **(Lindemann, Katzka, Eddy)**

Action: Respond to the survey and participate in drafting the final document and forum presentation. **(Committee members)**

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