

ICR Governing Board Minutes

April 14, 2023 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Meeting By Zoom:

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In attendance: Dr. Jeff Smith, Dr. Cinnamon Bidwell, Mr. Kyle Blakely, Dr. Jon Reuter, Dr. Joanna Zeiger, Ms. Elyse Contreras, Dr. Chad Kinney, Ms. Amber Valdez, Mr. Sherard Rogers, Dr. Malik Hasan, and Ms. Wendy Fairchild. **Absent:** Dr. Tim Mottet, Mr. Scott McWhorter, and Mr. Sal Pace.

- I. Dr. Bidwell welcomed the board and Wendy Fairchild took roll showing no quorum with 6 present. Dr. Bidwell discussed a point in Roberts rules that allows for reducing quorum to 50% and noted 2 ICR members recently resigned with no replacements and asked for a vote to assign quorum at a lower count. Dr. Reuter motioned quorum be reduced to 50%, or 5 members, with current board level at 7 active members, Dr. Hasan seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous vote.
- II. Dr. Bidwell summarized the consent agenda and invited questions. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Reuter, seconded by Dr. Zeiger, and the consent agenda was passed by unanimous vote.
- III. ICR lobbyist, Amber Valdez, presented a summary of activities at the capitol reporting that one million dollars was added to the ICR budget. She also informed the board that the JBC staff had recommended no increase due to the declining value of the MCTF lobbyists, however, she and Mr. Raemdonck worked with the JBC and the increased ultimately passed. She also noted that the ICR's FY22 Annual Report was recently disseminated to JBC. Also she noted that Senator Bridges will try to attend the board retreat to help the JBC understand the importance of the ICR. Dr. Reuter suggested working directly with JBC staff to ensure we have communicated effectively with them about the scope of work and role of the ICR. Mrs. Valdez explained that the staff are nonpartisan and make recommendations purely from a budget point of view, but also noted that Dr. Reuter's idea is very good. Dr. Hasan asked the identity of the JBC chair, who is Rachel Zenzinger with Emily Sirota as the vice chair, and Mrs Valdez explained that Senator Bridges will be very important going forward. Dr. Kinney commented that the JBC staff has historically been positive about the ICR.
- IV. Dr. Smith summarized the FY24 ICR budget in detail and Dr. Bidwell asked for questions: Dr. Zeiger asked if travel should be maintained at the suggested level and Dr. Smith answered he underutilized this in FY23 but that it will be important for fundraising going forward. Dr. Hasan suggested that strategic travel by ICR staff and board members should be encouraged. Dr. Contreras noted the small budget for fundraising, and Dr. Smith and Bidwell explained that this was included as new line item with a goal of marking funds and developing clear fundraising strategies/action items in order to be strategically utilized. Dr. Bidwell also explained that the Medpharm-related research budget was a separate line item for already approved research because of nuances in ICR and CDHE funding. Dr. Bidwell noted that the Budget Subcommittee, which developed the budget with Dr. Smith, has motion to approve in place, and called a vote which passed unanimously. Dr. Bidwell further noted our success with growing budgets and Dr. Hasan noted that employee testing and human resources issues are a needed research focus.
- V. Dr. Smith led a planning discussion for the governing board retreat on May 1 at the Occhiato center 1:00PM Blue Spruce Room. Dr. Smith presented a draft agenda. A vote on Blakey & Co.'s proposal to act as a facilitator at the board retreat. Dr. Reuter asked for clarification of what value this would bring to the retreat and Dr. Smith suggested that Mr. Blakely will serve as an objective mediator to keep the agenda on track, and that Mr. Blakely would reach out to board members to further develop the agenda. Dr. Hasan noted that the service could reduce the burden on the Chairperson and that the decision should be the Chair's choice. Dr. Zeiger also asked to articulate the value of the services. Ms. Contreras suggested that a facilitator can be very helpful in her experience and that she is supportive. Dr. Zeiger motioned to approve the facilitator, Dr. Reuter seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.