Research Advisory Committee (RAC) January 24, 2020 12pm Meeting Minutes

Present: Luciana Shaddox, Sabrina Braden, Dawn Dawson, Howard Roberts, James Hartsfield, Carol Summers

Topic	Discussion	Action items
CCTS Research Day and Knapp Speakers	Dr. Shaddox announced that this year the Knapp speaker will be the featured speaker for dentistry during CCTS Research Day provided we get a good speaker in. April 21. 2020. Dr. Shaddox is reviewing a list of 5 potential speakers, is leaning toward one who is well funded and known to be a good speaker, all agreed that this person would be an excellent choice. Discussion followed regarding scheduling the lecture in such a way to maximize students/faculty/staff attending. Concern that if the lecture is last people might not stay after the posters are judged. Discussion regarding timing of giving trophies, perhaps at a reception at the end of the day rather than last in the week at the College. Dr. Shaddox has been trying to talk to leadership group regarding closing the student clinic for the CCTS/Dentistry afternoon. Discussions are ongoing.	Lu will talk to CCTS and Dana whether the afternoon can be rearranged. Dr. Shaddox will talk with group again.
Research Teams	Dr. Shaddox is reviewing the kind of research happening in the College and identifying the different topic teams that exist. Oral systemic connection: Miller, Dawson Aging, Inflammation, Micro: Gonzalez, Shaddox, Miller Oral Cancer, Public Health: Melvyn Yeoh Genetics & Dral Health: Hartsfield, Morford, Shaddox Oral Facial Pain, TMJ, Virology: Okeson, Danaher, Nagaoka Biomaterials: Howard Roberts	
Work on creating new positions	Dr. Shaddox has gotten approval for the creation of a Public Health chief/Director. Currently working on the job description.	
Areas of Research Focus that we should be pursuing funding	Discussion regarding area areas that need focus and the funding that is out there: • Oral Cancer • Disparities Group suggested a planned approach.	Dr. Shaddox will write a strategic plan with steps for how we are going to get started.