

**Research Advisory Committee (RAC)
December 6th, 2019 12pm
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Luciana Shaddox, Howard Roberts, Octavio Gonzalez, Marcia Rojas, Lina Sharab, Lorri Morford, Carol Summers

Topic	Discussion	Action items
<p>Review of progress and what needs addressing in the future</p>	<p>Dr. Shaddox asked each member present for input regarding their opinions of progress made and what needs attention in the future by this committee.</p> <p><u>Lorri Morford</u> feels there is a need for a way to help mentor faculty so that they can be better mentors themselves. Especially for junior faculty who are new to mentoring. Feels the College needs a faculty development person who could spearhead mentoring.</p> <p><u>Marcia Rojas</u> asked if there was a pre-review process here in Dentistry to review qualifications for the graduate program before the paperwork goes to the Graduate School.</p> <p><u>James Hartsfield</u> Agreed with the need for a faculty development person and felt this would be something the faculty would be positive about. He asked if this committee should broaden its scope to include mentoring, master oversight and research scholarly activity.</p> <p><u>Lina Sharab</u> felt this committee could service a role in helping students find mentors.</p> <p><u>Dawn Dawson</u> feels positive about the movement of the RAC thus far, she felt that things were getting done.</p> <p><u>Octavio Gonzalez</u> noted that he was happy the College as an ADR and is looking forward to increasing research funding.</p> <p><u>Howard Roberts</u> regrets his lab is not further along regarding equipment he needs before research can be done. He does spend a great deal of time doing one-to-one mentoring and agrees the new position would be good.</p>	<p>The group recommended the case be made to Dean Okeson for the creation of a faculty development position.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Marcia Rojas felt that investigators should be encouraged to bring in a statistician to review proposals before they go out to catch problems then rather than after the data is collected.</p>	<p>Alejandro Tezanos will be asked to the next meeting for discussion.</p>
	<p>Perio has approached Dr. Shaddox regarding needing someone to help residents IRB documentation and record keeping in their projects. Dawn reports that the CCTS does provide this service for a fee.</p>	<p>Future Discussion</p>
	<p>Currently there is a shift for making the faculty mentor the PI of an IRB protocol rather than the resident. Dr. Shaddox recommended moving this discussion to a future meeting.</p>	<p>Future discussion - graduate role in IRB protocols (PI or not)</p>