

South Carolina INBRE Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 29, 2011

Attendees

Frank Alexis, Clemson University
Arezue Boroujerdi, Claflin University
Alysia Bridgman, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
Wayne Carver, University of South Carolina
James Deavor, College of Charleston
Larry Dooley, Clemson University
Heather Evans-Anderson, Winthrop University
Edie Goldsmith, University of South Carolina
Peter King, Francis Marion University
Gray Ladd, SC EPSCoR/IDeA

Patrick Owens, Winthrop University
Nick Panasik, Claflin University
Lucia Pirisi-Creek, University of South Carolina
Lee Snelgrove, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
Takita Sumter, Winthrop University
Verlie Tisdale, Claflin University
Hoday Valafar, University of South Carolina
Alexey Vertegel, Clemson University
John Wheeler, Furman University

Action Items

1. Steering Committee members should email Bridgman spring dates for an AREA grant workshop.
2. Pirisi-Creek will forward an iBioSketch presentation to the group.
3. Deavor will email his poster session slides to Snelgrove for posting on the website.
4. Steering Committee members should email Snelgrove dates of upcoming INBRE seminars.
5. Steering Committee members should email Snelgrove names of INBRE faculty to include in SCTR's Palmetto Profiles.

A. Organization of an AREA Grant Workshop

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Pirisi-Creek asked Steering Committee members to talk to their target faculty and identify some dates that would work for a half-day AREA grant workshop that will be coordinated with the spring 2012 External Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting. Those dates should be sent to Bridgman.

B. iBioSketch

Nick Panasik

Panasik described Claflin's experience with iBioSketch, the online tool to which Claflin subscribes to track their students. Students can enter their own information such as GPA, posters, papers, presentations, and conferences attended. As the students move on through graduate school and into careers, they can continue to update their information and create an NIH-style biosketch automatically. Ensuring student participation is key, so incentives for data entry are occasionally offered. Wheeler asked if iBioSketch allowed for audio or video file uploading, and Panasik said their system does not currently offer that function but it may be customized. Panasik said the cost for iBioSketch is mostly upfront, and longer-term data storage fees are minimal. Ladd and Snelgrove were in discussions with iBioSketch designers to request an initial INBRE-wide quote for consideration by Pirisi-Creek.

C. Palmetto Profiles

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Pirisi-Creek asked the Steering Committee members to let their target faculty know that all INBRE faculty are also considered members of SCTR. SCTR is offering \$50,000 pilot projects for which INBRE faculty are eligible to compete. SCTR has initiated the Palmetto Profiles system, a scientific social networking tool that is tied to NIH PubMed. Steering Committee members should email Snelgrove the names of those faculty who should be included in Palmetto Profiles.

D. Minutes from July 18, 2011 Meeting

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

The minutes from the July 18th Steering Committee Meeting were approved.

E. New SC INBRE Website

Lucia Pirisi-Creek/Lee Snelgrove

Pirisi-Creek and Snelgrove announced that the new SC INBRE site is online. Any recommended edits or updates should be sent to Snelgrove.

F. Attendance at Southeast IDeA Regional Meeting (New Orleans, LA September 22-24)

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Southeast IDeA Regional Meeting attendees include: Latha Malaiyandi and one Francis Marion student; Pirisi-Creek, Valafar, Diego Altomare and two USC School of Medicine students; two students and two faculty from Furman; Frank Alexis and three Clemson students; Jeff Tribblehorn and one College of Charleston student; and Lee Snelgrove.

G. Individual Institutional/Core Reports

All

Deavor showed slides from the end of summer student research poster session at the College of Charleston. Pirisi-Creek asked Deavor to send his slides to Snelgrove so they can be posted on the website.

King said Dr. Erin Eaton, Francis Marion target faculty, will be attending ABRCMS.

Claflin is interviewing candidates for a full-time NMR director. Boroujerdi announced that Claflin has hired an NMR technician, Remarcus Curry, who will assist the director. Boroujerdi said that the SC EPSCoR/IDeA office is helping Claflin develop a brochure for the NMR facility. Tisdale said they are trying to develop a relationship with the USC Chemistry and Biochemistry department to allow USC access to the facility once it is fully functioning.

Dooley said that Clemson has hired Melinda Harmon as a new Assistant Professor of Bioengineering who will work at their Patewood Campus in Greenville.

Goldsmith said that one of the PACD scholars, Jeff Mohr, has gotten a position at Macon State College.

Valafar said he finished surveying the bioinformatics needs of SC INBRE faculty. He would like to develop an online scientific seminar series to deliver training in bioinformatics tools to faculty around the state. Pirisi-Creek asked Steering Committee members to share upcoming INBRE-related seminars with Snelgrove so that those can be advertised around the network.

H. New Business

Lucia Pirisi-Creek/ All

Pirisi-Creek is still developing the agenda for the November 3-4, 2011 EAC site visits to Francis Marion and USC Beaufort.

Pirisi-Creek said that the next Steering Committee meeting will be October 17, 2011.

I. Adjournment

Lucia Pirisi-Creek