

Minutes

Research Council Meeting January 8, 2019

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Dental Dean's Conference Room, AG012**

Present: Drs. R. Kelly (chair), S. Brocke, I. Chen, M. Hansen, R. Lalla, F. Nichols, E. Reichenberger, and T. Schmidt

Excused: Drs. C. Lottinger, and T. Vella

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Approve Minutes

The minutes of the Research Council meeting on November 27, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Funding Mechanisms for Student and Resident Research

Student research is funded from the Dean's office. It is usually a stipend ranging from \$1500 to \$3000, depending on the number of students and the funds available. The number of students who apply for research is the unknown variable as there are many reasons why a student might apply. In the past, we have accommodated the majority of students who have expressed an interest in research, but we have become more selective in recent years.

Another source of funding for student research is the TIP program. It is open to UConn undergrads, master's students, and recent grads. UConn-TIP Summer Immersion Fellows receive a stipend: typically \$3,500 for undergraduate students and \$5,000 for master's students.

The PIE program supports 4-5 summer research students. Generally, supplies are not funded by the stipend that students receive from this grant, but in many cases the project is something that is already in place in the lab so additional supplies are not needed.

On the medical side, students have a Capstone project that goes on for 2-3 years and can be in any area from social medicine to lab research. Medical students received \$3,000 for the summer and an additional \$2,000 for the lab.

For this upcoming summer, students have been made aware of research opportunities. Dr. Tadinada has reached out to the PIs to see who is interested and students then contact the investigators and work to create a match.

It was suggested that we get the program directors together to talk about funding student and resident research. A meeting will be set up for this purpose prior to the next Research Council meeting on February 5, 2019. Drs. Eisenberg and Kazemi will also be invited as they are co-chairs of the Education Council.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kelly, DDS, PhD
Chair, Research Council