

SOUTH CAROLINA INBRE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Attendees

W. Scott Argraves, Medical University of South Carolina
Alysia Bridgman, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
Wayne Carver, University of South Carolina
James Deavor, College of Charleston
R. Larry Dooley, Clemson University
Edward L. Krug, Medical University of South Carolina
Gray Ladd, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
T. Scott Little, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
Michael Matthews, University of South Carolina
Patrick M. Owens, Winthrop University
Lucia Pirisi-Creek, University of South Carolina
Lee Snelgrove, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
Verlie Tisdale, Claflin University
John F. Wheeler, Furman University
Debra Wingard, University of South Carolina

Action Items (in order of the agenda)

1. Pirisi-Creek will receive a letter from the NCCR requesting a response to the concerns raised in the INBRE renewal summary statement, and will share that request with Steering Committee members.
2. Wheeler will send Pirisi-Creek a copy of Turgeon's AREA application.

A. Call to Order

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

The INBRE Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010.

B. Approval of Minutes

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

The Steering Committee members approved the minutes from the December 1, 2009 meeting.

C. Status of INBRE Renewal

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Pirisi-Creek will receive a letter from the NCCR requesting a response to the concerns raised in the INBRE renewal summary statement. Once Pirisi-Creek receives the letter, she will release it, along with the summary statement, to the members of the Steering Committee.

D. INBRE APR for Year 5

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Ladd is reviewing all submitted report material and will request additional information as needed.

E. Individual Institutional Reports

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Dooley stated that Clemson has IRB and IACUC approvals if more information is needed for the renewal application. Little asked Dooley to thank Dr. Delphine Dean for her submission of an INBRE Science Advance for submission to NCCR. Tisdale said that Claflin will host Dr. Martin Chalfie, winner of the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, in April. Wheeler stated that Furman has two faculty on sabbatical, Drs. Grisel and Hestermann. Turgeon's AREA grant will most likely not be funded at this time. Pirisi-Creek asked Wheeler to send her a copy of Turgeon's AREA application. Deavor stated that the 2010 South Carolina Academy of Science meeting will be held at the College of Charleston on April 17th. Owens said that Winthrop is interviewing two candidates for biochemistry, one of which will be designated a "target faculty" for the INBRE renewal.

F. Biotechnology Core Update

Scott Argraves

Argraves stated that as of May 1, 2010, the INBRE Biotechnology Core will no longer be based at MUSC but the services offered by the MUSC core will continue to be supported. The REU program will continue, and will be integrated with ARRA-funded REU activities.

G. Outreach Core Update

Edward Krug

Krug stated that the 2010 PACD solicitation will soon be released, and will require a two-phase application process. Pirisi-Creek expressed hope that the newest IRACDA application will be funded, enabling the expansion of PACD.

H. New Business

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Pirisi-Creek stated that the NIH Council will meet on January 26. The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 via video conference.

I. Adjournment

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Pirisi-Creek adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.