

SOUTH CAROLINA INBRE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Attendees

Alysia Bridgman, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
Rebecca Bullard-Dillard, Claflin University
James Deavor, College of Charleston
R. Larry Dooley, Clemson University
Gray Ladd, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
T. Scott Little, SC EPSCoR/IDeA
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

A. Call to Order

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

The INBRE Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009.

B. Approval of Minutes

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

The Steering Committee members approved the minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting.

C. SE IDeA Regional Meeting - November 9-11, 2009

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Pirisi-Creek stated that an email was received from Dr. McNairy praising the SE IDeA Regional Meeting. 42% of the evaluations have been received providing a great review of the meeting.

D. INBRE APR for Year 5

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

While official notice has not been received, Pirisi-Creek expects the renewal application to be funded based on a conversation with Fred Taylor. The priority score was 3.7 on a scale of one to nine. The range of scores for INBRE proposals stated by Pirisi-Creek was between two and five. Pirisi-Creek stated that the Just in Time information is needed. This includes information about key personnel from both new and currently networked institutions as well as any modified budgets. In addition, up-to-date information about laboratory animals is necessary. The council will meet in January to approve the INBRE awards. Following its conclusion, notices of award will be issued.

E. Individual Institutional Reports

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Deavor stated that the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the College of Charleston is in the process of moving. Owens stated that Birgbauer and Evans-Anderson submitted AREA proposals at the end of October. Winthrop is actively searching for a new hire that will become an INBRE target faculty. The information has been posted on the SC EPSCoR/IDeA website. Dooley stated that Vyavahare's COBRE was awarded. In addition, Simionescu was awarded an RO1 beginning in January 2010. Clemson will host a SE Biomedical Engineering Career Conference in October of 2010. Hopefully this will be co-hosted by University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Bioengineering Alliance. Bullard-Dillard stated that Claflin has student interns already working in their labs and hopes to be able to add more interns next semester. Dr. Hoosein was awarded an AREA grant and Dr. Harris submitted an AREA grant proposal. Dr. Chen was awarded an EPSCoR GEAR Award. Wheeler stated that Furman just submitted its annual progress report for HHMI and their current target faculty have submitted AREA grants. Drs. Petty, Grisel, and Hestermann are all on sabbatical. Dr. Buchmueller has received some early sabbatical time to assist in her development as an INBRE target faculty. Also, Furman received a GEAR grant which will assist in obtaining new and redistributing current resources around the biomedical sciences department. Furman has also hired a new coordinator for science education to begin on January 15, 2010.

F. Outreach Core Update

Edward Krug

In Krug's absence, Pirisi-Creek stated that he wanted to broach the subject of establishing a Postdoctoral Research Office to support postdoctoral fellows at Clemson and USC. MUSC has an institutional office along these lines and it is a great benefit to fellows. It functions the same way a graduate office assists graduate students with career services and educational advice. She stated that while the economic situation is not necessarily conducive to starting this type of office currently, the thought should be introduced in hopes of having a discussion at a later date. Dooley agreed that this is a great time to begin discussing this topic.

G. New Business

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

The next Steering Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 and Tuesday March 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. via video conference call.

H. Adjournment

Lucia Pirisi-Creek

Pirisi-Creek adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.