



DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

April 15th, 2019 at 2:30pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm by **Dr. Don Brooks**

Approval of Agenda Items

The Agenda was circulated and approved, all in favour

Approval of April 15th, 2018 minutes

Approval of April 16th, 2018 minutes by **David Hardwick**

Department Head Report

Program Announcements

Administrative Updates

- Yanny Yeung on maternity leave, Rita Amisano stepping back in as **Interim HR Manager**
- Lorra Ward & Michelle Ho as new **HR Assistant/Clerk**
- Michael Cho and Chris Leung no longer with Department; Joanna Huang stepped in as **Finance Analyst**
- Linda Yang as new **Sr. Finance Manager**
- Adeline Chan seconded to Medical Genetics 50% time
- Dr. Mike Nimmo stepped in as **Clinical Assistant Head**

Budget and Related Issues

Financial Overview

- budget is more balance due to retirement savings and not re-hiring based on Departmental funds
- Projecting Departmental funds \$-95k at the end of fiscal 2020

Department Recruitments & Faculty Renewal

Faculty (retirements, reduced appointments, notice given, alternative arrangements)

- Head of Pathology needed as Dr. Allard is now in a new role; Dr. Brooks Interim Pathology Head for 1 year

Completed

- Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Cancer Informatics
 - Joint recruitment with Computer Science
 - BC Cancer Research Centre

- Dr. Andrew Roth joined us in October as a joint recruit with the Department of Computer Science

In Progress/Update

- Recruitment in Spinal Cord Injury, Repair, and/or Regeneration Research
 - ICORD
 - Process restarted, candidate declined offer
- Faculty Renewal Recruitment in Immunometabolism
 - Dr. Ramon Klein Geltink will be starting **July 1st, 2019**
- Clinical and Translational Proteomics
 - BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
- Faculty Renewal Recruitment Round #2 – Computational Cancer
 - Joint recruitment with statistics
 - BC Cancer Research Centre
- Faculty Renewal Recruitment Round #2 – Transplantation and Immune-mediated Diseases
 - Vancouver General Hospital
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Faculty Renewal

- The Department was very successful with the 1st two rounds of Faculty Renewal
- Approval for 1 recruitment in the 1st round and approval for 2 recruitments in the 2nd round
- In total Pathology received 3 out of 24 Faculty Renewal recruitments awarded
- Majority of the above recruitments will be cost neutral for the Department
- Department's contribution will include: a small start-up package, UBC's Housing Plan, and interest charges for the Prescribed Interest Rate Loan (PIRL)

Pathology Day 2019

- Presentation at Paetzold Auditorium & Atrium
- Poster Sessions and Evening event at ICORD

Program Reports

Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Program Report (BMLSc) – Dr. Amanda Bradley

BMLSc program will turn 40 in 2020

- 11 graduates this May
- Full class of 24 cohorts for 3rd year
- 132 applications for September 2019
- First student alumni faculty networking event this year was a success
 - 58 people in attendance
 - Will be a yearly event moving forward
- 4th year for Vancouver Summer Program
 - 32 international students typically attend
- Dr. Bradley will be going on sabbatical
 - Michael Sutherland and Sophia Wong will step in as interim Directors



Graduate Studies – Dr. Dana Devine



PALM faculty
meeting -grad progr

Safety Updates – Jennifer Xenakis

- Update of Supervisor training
 - There is a new handbook on the risk management services website which is mandatory for anyone who supervises or directs any staff
 - Less than 30 minutes to complete
- 7 safety incidents since last departmental meeting
 - Medical Student will sit on safety committee to provide feedback

MD Undergraduate Education Program – Dr. Michael Nimmo

- Final year of the spiral curriculum; students that started 4 years ago are writing exams in May
- Students who have gone through the spiral curriculum have done better than previous years
- Ongoing quality improvement/feedback

General Pathology- Dr. Michael Nimmo

- Preparing for on-site survey in March 2020
- Program in BC has not been attracting candidates
 - Demand has dropped for general pathologists
 - As there no residents the program will go inactive status as of July 1st.
 - We will not have an on-site survey from the Royal College

Anatomical Pathology - Dr. Brian Skinnider

- Since last departmental meeting 4 residents wrote and passed the Royal College Exam in May of last year
- 5 are writing this year
- Happy with CARMS match in January; 4 positions available, all filled



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Medical Biochemistry Residency Training - Dr. Sophia Wong

- 1 resident is in 5th year; waiting for results
- No applicants for this academic year
 - Trying to increase visibility
- Internal review took place in February; no official report received yet but positive feedback given

Medical Microbiology - Dr. Chris Lowe

- 5 residents in program; 1 will be writing Royal College Exam next month
- Successful in securing a candidate through CARMS (UBC Medical Student was chosen)

Hematopathology – Dr. Suzanne Vercauteren

- Successful in securing a candidate through CARMS

Site Reports

C&W – Dr. Suzanne Vercauteren

- Dr. McFadden has stepped down; Dr. Vercauteren has stepped in as Interim Head

St. Paul's Hospital – Dr. Mari DeMarco

- Business plan has been approved
- Completion projected for 2026



PHC Dept Report -
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Fraser Health Authority (FHA) – Dr. Sam Krikler

- Vancouver Fraser Undergrad Medical School is being split in two; Fraser Health will receive a group undergrad medical students for September 2021 intake
- Clinical Hematologist Service in Surrey will be expanded; starting July 1st
 - Will all have cross appointments at BCCRC

BCCA – Dr. Cheng-Han Lee

- Went through DIP accreditation review; no major issues
- Posted a position for Genomics; to try to free up time for Tracy Tucker

VCH – Dr. David Hunstman

- GPEC received more space

New Business

- Dr. Hardwick
 - Emeritus Professors are back on board and a formal members of the university
 - Department needs to re-engage all emeritus members; invite to meetings
 - Dr. Allard in favour

Adjournment