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Special points of interest:

- *Vote for OUHSC Graduate Faculty*
- *Revised policy for IRB, IACUC and IBC*
- *New fringe rates posted*

New proposals from Graduate College require vote

Voting members of the OUHSC Graduate Faculty have been asked to vote on two proposals recommended by the Graduate Council.

The first proposal is that Associate Members of the Graduate Faculty be reviewed every **three** years instead of annually. Faculty members with modified titles (e.g., clinical assistant professor, adjunct professor, research associate professor) are only eligible for associate membership in the graduate faculty, and currently must re-apply for renewal of their appointments every year. Because few changes typically occur in a faculty member's status from year to year, this proposal seeks to improve the efficiency of the review process.

The second proposal will modify appointment guidelines for the graduate faculty. The most significant change proposed is to better define qualifications of faculty who are authorized to chair doctoral dissertation committees.

Please contact Dr. Reinke if you have questions regarding these proposals.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCE IN JUNE WILL SHOWCASE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY STUDENT RESEARCH

The Merck Company Foundation hosts annual conferences to feature research conducted by Pharmacy students. For the past several years, the College of Pharmacy has participated in the western regional conference, which includes schools of pharmacy in the western United States and Canada. The conference is hosted by the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy.

This summer, the conference is scheduled for June 4-5.

Abstracts have been accepted for presentations by the following students (faculty mentor indicated in parentheses).

Leigh Adams (P4, Dr. Kevin Farmer)
Lisa Nguyen (P1, Dr. Shinichiro Kurosawa-OMRF)
Margarita Rush (P3, Dr. Tracy Hagemann)
Prestina Thompson (P1, Dr. Mike McShan)
Tracy Watson (P4, Dr. Kimi Vesta)
Paula Wells (P3, Dr. Kimi Vesta)

GRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNITION ON APRIL 23, 2004

UPCOMING GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Presbyterian Health Foundation:

The second round of Presbyterian Health Foundation (PHF) Seed and Bridge grant applications has a deadline of **July 14, 2004**, along with Equipment grant applications.

NIH CYCLE II DEADLINES:

(NIH) National Institutes of Health

June 1, 2004 - New Research Grants

July 1, 2004 Revised Grant applications

THE COLLEGE'S GRADUATE AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE has selected the following students to receive awards for outstanding performance in graduate education. These awards were announced at the Pharmacy Banquet on Friday, April 23, 2004.

- **John B. Bruce Award:** Preeti Tendolkar (Dr. Nathan Shankar, Advisor)
- **Loyd and Maurine Harris Award:**
 - Yun Liu (Dr. Rae Matsumoto, Advisor)
- **E. Blanch Sommers Award:**
 - Tara Jenkins (Dr. Kevin Farmer, Advisor)

Each of these students received \$1,000; and their awards will be permanently recorded on plaques displayed in the College of Pharmacy. Other nominees were Byron Curtis (Dr. Phil Kemp, Advisor) and Gautam Damera (Dr. Gordon Sachdev, Advisor).

TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTED

Yun Liu has received two travel awards to present her data at national meetings: the Federation of the American Societies for

Experimental Biology (Washington, D.C. in April), and a conference on "Frontiers in Addiction Biology: Genomics and Beyond" (Vanderbilt University in May).

RESEARCH ELECTIVES FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS

With the increased emphasis on research in the College of Pharmacy, this might be a good time to remind faculty that our students can be recruited to assist with the research activities of the faculty, and receive academic credit for this activity in several elective courses:

PHAR 7090

Research Practicum

PHAR 7980

Research in Pharmacy Practice

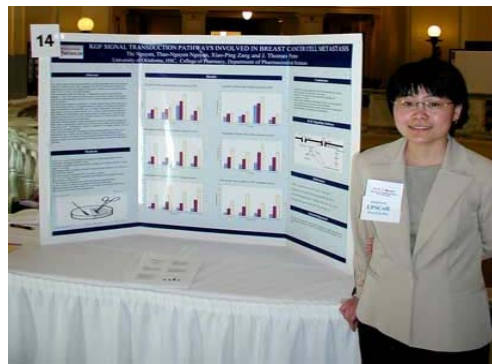
PHAR 7990

Independent Study in Pharmacy

RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL on MARCH 29, 2004



Aisha Mack



Thi Nguyen

Research Day at the State Capitol is an annual event sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and the National Science Foundation. The purpose of Research Day is to inform the Legislature and the public about the high quality research being conducted at Oklahoma's universities. Thi Nguyen presented "Identification of the KGF-mediated signal transduction pathway involved in breast cancer cell motility." Her presentation was sponsored by Dr. Thomas Pento. Aisha Mack presented her work "Sigma receptor agonists: Possible new class of antidepressant drugs," sponsored by Dr. Rae Matsumoto.

INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE FORMS AND DEADLINES—NEW INFORMATION

Periodically, the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) updates its forms due to changes in federal guidelines or University policies or procedures. Accordingly, the IBC has revised its current forms on which protocols are submitted. These new protocol forms may be accessed from <http://www.ouhsc.edu/bc/forms>.

Effective April 23, the IBC requires that PIs use forms dated 4/04. Forms dated prior to 4/04 will no longer be accepted. In addition, ALL pages of these forms should be submitted, even if there is no information entered on them.

The IBC normally meets the last Tuesday of each month. The deadline to have a protocol reviewed is 5 pm, 11 days PRIOR to a regularly scheduled meeting. Any protocol submitted after the 11-day deadline will be reviewed at the meeting of the following month.

Finally, the IBC has established a policy that resubmission forms may only be used if the original protocol has been approved within the last three years. If the original approval is older than three years, a new full protocol approval form must be submitted.

-Leon Unger, Ph.D., Chair-Institutional Biosafety Committee

Revised policy for IRB, IACUC and IBC applications



In an effort to streamline the grant preparation process and reduce the workload for the principal investigator and colleagues serving on the University's Institutional review committees, the HSC is revising its policy for the timing of submission of applications requiring institutional approvals. Submission of protocols to the IRB (Institutional Review Board), IACUC

(Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee) and IBC (Institutional Biosafety Committee) for approval will be required on a **just-in-time** basis for **all funding agencies that allow it**.

It is important to note that the **responsibility** for obtaining timely institutional approvals **rests with the principal investigator**. Failure to submit the required institutional applications in a timely manner may lead to a delay in, and potentially jeopardize, funding of the award.

- Michael Gilmore, Ph.D., Vice President for Research

SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences is hosting an all-College seminar on **Thursday, May 13** in Rm. 339 at the College of Pharmacy building. **Isaac Mitropoulos, P3** will be presenting the seminar, which starts at noon.*

*On **Thursday, May 27** in Rm. 339, Gordon Sachdev, Ph.D., Professor, will be presenting the noon seminar.*

Everyone is welcomed to bring their lunch and attend these seminars!

More News You Can Use Regarding Research

OU TULSA HEALTH RESEARCH FORUM AWARDS DR. STEPHENS

The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine (Tulsa) and the Tulsa County Medical Society held the annual Research Forum on April 14-15. College of Pharmacy participants included poster presentations by Dr. Dana Carroll ("Evaluation of a newly established pharmacotherapy clinic's impact on diabetes management"), Dr. Douglas Carroll ("Evaluation of serum digoxin concentrations in patients treated for heart failure"), and an oral presentation by Dr Johnny Stephens ("Strategic use of nelfinavir and two non-thymidine nucleoside analogs as the initial HAART regimen for treatment planning").

Congratulations to Dr. Stephens for winning the President's Award for Research Excellence which recognizes faculty research outside the College of Medicine—you've done it for two consecutive years!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TARA JENKINS

Tara Jenkins recently received word that her AFPE pre-doctoral scholarship was renewed for a second year. Congratulations Tara!

INTERESTING READING

IPASS—IT'S STILL ALIVE!

In May 2002 the White House announced a plan to attempt to create a work group to handle the stickiest visa cases related to research. The Inter-agency Panel on Advanced Science Security (IPASS) would be a committee made up of representatives of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and other agencies.

The purpose of IPASS would be to review scholars attempting to enter the United States to work in sensitive fields and perform work that was uniquely available on U.S. campuses.

Since it was announced, IPASS has sputtered but has not died. Initially, the OSTP planned to set up the agency under its jurisdiction, but has passed the responsibility to DHS.

Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary of border and transportation security at DHS, says the IPASS is coming. But it's unclear what form it will take. DHS does not want to create additional hurdles to visas, he says. However, it remains committed to the original intent of IPASS, which was to include appropriate scientific expertise in the process of reviewing visa applications from scholars.

FRINGE BENEFIT RATES CHANGE ON JULY 1, 2004

Yes, fringe benefit rates for OUHSC will change, effective July 1, 2004. If you are planning the budget for grant applications, you may want to check out the new rates. You can also check it out at <http://w3.ouhsc.edu/ORAGrants/orafringerates.htm>

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Hourly and Salaried Faculty & Staff	34.1%	34.5%
Residents and Fellows	15.6%	16.3%
Part-time Employees (less than 50%)	8.6%	9.1%
Students	1.0%	1.0%