**VA/UCLA Research Faculty Group Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, June 14, 2019**

**Facilitators:** Dr. Tannaz Moin

**Faculty Attendees:** Drs. Russell Buhr, Noam Jacobs, Angela Leung, Lucinda Leung, Zhaoping Li, Michael Ong, Anne Walling, Andrew Wilson, & Boback Ziaeian.

**UCLA Admin Attendees:** Jill Narciso, Tina Bulchand, Maricela Gonzalez, & Naseem Shariff

1. **Introductions**

* Introducing Maricela Gonzalez to VA – Joins our admin support team and is working with faculty on project management issues, including IRB and HR. This position was informed by this groups feedback and intended to provide additional support for establishing/sustaining your VA research programs.

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1. **Updates presented by Dr. Moin on behalf of Dr. Brent**

* Mission towards education and research remain strong; Physician-Scientist recruitments in several divisions for the coming year.
* Success in VA research support very good in last several cycles, merit review funding rate around 40% (national average around 20%).
* ACOS Research Search committee has met several times, position description completed.

1. **New Topics**

* Review of recent NIH initiative - Time to end the Manel Tradition – Dr. Francis S. Collins, MD., Ph.D. (see attached)
* Two DoM Stat faculty are in the process of completing WOCs so that VA faculty can provide statistical consulting services to VA faculty; positions are unfunded but the goal is to get some additional stat support for VA based faculty.
* There have been recent changes in ORD research publication/presentation notification systems. Please see attached PDF for the latest directive from ORD on the presentation of research results.  Dr. Krahl’s email stated the main points discussed in this document include; 1) ORD must be notified of publications through PubTracker.  2)Publications must be made publicly available, and 3) The VA must be properly acknowledged for any work that is derived from "VA research" (i.e., VA resources were used and/or the research was approved by the VA). There no longer appears to be a requirement in this or any other directive to report manuscripts/abstracts to the ACOS or R&D Committee.
* Dr. Scott Krahl, Acting ACOS Research, was suggested as a guest for a future meeting to discuss research updates, including how non-VA grants may go through the VA R&D. Also, VA IRB transferring to digital submissions in the near future.
* Brief review of available CTSI resources – workshops and studios (see Appendix 1 below)
* There is a newly announced Keck funding opportunity for early to mid-career UCLA faculty (faculty hired from the period of 2013-2016 only). Due date is 7/15/19.
* Question about grant submissions/support – per admin team, grant support is provided by the division where the faculty member’s Dossier is processed. Generally, for faculty with a VA appointment 5/8ths or up, grants and discretionary funds handled by the UCLA VA division, located in Bldg. 500, Rm. 3221. There are exceptions for those who have made other arrangements. Confirm any questions with Jill Narciso.  Appendix 2 below lists some upcoming grant opportunities.
* Reminder that VA has access to all journals on Browzine. VA email is needed to set up an account (see Appendix 3 below)
* VA HR representative was unable to attend (will reschedule for future)

1. **General reminders**

* Please remember to log onto remote desktop to open Skype Business, VA email and CPRS when away.
* Richard Prioetti usually emails partial 8ths 1-2x each year to get updated summary of ongoing activities/mitigation. Only VA approved projects can be used for VA mitigation. Labor mapping should reflect ongoing activities – you can speak with your division chief about your mapping if you have questions as well.

**UCLA DOM Contacts**

* Jill Narciso, Management Services Officer (MSO, UCLA)
* Contact Jill for inquiries pertaining to staff hires, Z reports and DMPG balances, grant submissions (NIH, DOD, NSF Awards, RO1s, etc.), fund management related questions
* Mondays – Wednesdays at WLA, 500, Rm. 3221: 310-478-3711 x48765

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***Future Meetings Dates: August 9, October 11, December 6***

**“TIME TO END THE MANEL TRADITION”**

The National Institutes of Health is committed to changing the culture and climate of biomedical research to create an inclusive and diverse workforce. The recent report by the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, "Sexual Harassment of Women: Climate, Culture, and Consequence in Academic Science, Engineering, and Medicine," identified the critical role that scientific leaders must play to combat cultural forces that tolerate gender harassment and limit the advancement of women. These concerns also are highly relevant to other groups underrepresented in science. It is not enough to give lip service to equality; leaders must demonstrate their commitment through their actions.

Toward that end, I want to send a clear message of concern: it is time to end the tradition in science of all-male speaking panels, sometimes wryly referred to as “manels." Too often, women and members of other groups underrepresented in science are conspicuously missing in the marquee speaking slots at scientific meetings and other high-level conferences. Starting now, when I consider speaking invitations, I will expect a level playing field, where scientists of all backgrounds are evaluated fairly for speaking opportunities. If that attention to inclusiveness is not evident in the agenda, I will decline to take part. I challenge other scientific leaders across the biomedical enterprise to do the same.

The diversity of bright and talented minds engaged in biomedical research has come a long way -- and our public engagements need to catch up. Breaking up the subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) bias that is preventing women and other groups underrepresented in science from achieving their rightful place in scientific leadership must begin at the top.

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.

Director, National Institutes of Health

**Appendix 1. CTSI Resources:**

**CTSI Grant Library** – access can be request at <https://www.ctsi.ucla.edu/funding/pages/sample>

**CTSI Grant Writing Studios**

These are individually tailored to each scholar for longitudinal mentoring on NIH K and R grant submissions. Studios are comprised of a panel of 3-4 mentors (scientific, career and statistics) with expertise in K and/or R grant development. The panel meets with the scholar 2-3 times from the concept phase to final product. The scholar will then participate in a mock study section for a final review of the draft grant application.  The grant studio structure can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Oy3ZnUJKp09mqVWdnY4yM_JBMgI0kIUO/view>.

Please note that not all requests can be accommodated so please reach out at least 6 months in advance.

**CTSI NIH K/CDA Workshops**

**Frequency: Twice per year (January/February and June/July)**

This all-day grant writing workshop is for early investigators who have applied, are applying, or thinking about applying for a NIH K/Career Development Award (CDA).  During the morning session, attendees will hear presentations from CTSI program leaders and senior faculty on how to prepare successful K/CDA applications (see sample agenda below).  After the morning presentations, the speakers hold small group question and answers sessions (basic science, clinical research and health services research) during lunch so the attendees have an opportunity to ask individualized questions. During the afternoon session, senior faculty will review and discuss draft applications or specific aims submitted by attendees and provide feedback on preparing successful K/CDA applications on an individual basis.  Attendees are encouraged to submit their specific aims for review if they are early in the planning process. This will provide the opportunity for the reviewers to catch any major issues early on before the proposal is developed.

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| **Time** | **Activities** |
| 8:30am-9:00am | Registration and Breakfast Reception |
| 9:00am-12:30pm | Presentations  ·       Navigating the NIH K Award Process  ·       Writing the NIH K Award   * UCLA CTSI KL2 Resources * Considerations in Applying for a K99 Award: the NIH "Pathway to Independence" |
| 12:30pm-1:30pm | Lunch and Question & Answer Sessions |
| 1:30pm-4:00pm | Review & Discussions of K/CDA draft applications or specific aims |

**Appendix 2. Upcoming Funding Opportunities:**

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Announces New Funding Opportunity:** [The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.moore.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=UXmaowRpu5bLSLEQRunJ2z-YIUZuUoa9Rw_x449Hd_Y&r=X2zpu2ZnjkL6zoiSXFs-Dw7VUpz9q24UYqWegpD-hmw&m=ueV14d0JZZKqOPAjC4n9ow5xr2mJVr_4ncwePVa9uxQ&s=kRuh4Nzr3MIxDe2uoQLIJqWcCjCZXdmyv0Vl92pmHQo&e=) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity as a part of its [**Diagnostic Excellence Initiative**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.moore.org_initiative-2Dstrategy-2Ddetail-3FinitiativeId-3Ddiagnostic-2Dexcellence&d=DwMFaQ&c=UXmaowRpu5bLSLEQRunJ2z-YIUZuUoa9Rw_x449Hd_Y&r=X2zpu2ZnjkL6zoiSXFs-Dw7VUpz9q24UYqWegpD-hmw&m=ueV14d0JZZKqOPAjC4n9ow5xr2mJVr_4ncwePVa9uxQ&s=q6dUsiJR4XmSLxdpkbDTbJf1G56kFlEfw1ZuXP5xqY0&e=). The initiative aims to reduce harm from erroneous or delayed diagnoses, reduce costs and redundancy in the diagnostic process, improve health outcomes and save lives.  
  
**The foundation is soliciting novel ideas and approaches for developing new clinical measures to improve diagnosis, specifically targeting three major categories of disease: acute vascular events (such as stroke and myocardial infarction), infections (such as sepsis and pneumonia) and cancer (such as lung and colorectal cancer)**.  
  
The application process will involve a multi-phased competitive process. Ultimately, 3-6 grants will be awarded for $250,000 to $500,000 each for work done over 12-18 months.[**Applications will be accepted online**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__moore-2Dpatientcare.smapply.io_&d=DwMFaQ&c=UXmaowRpu5bLSLEQRunJ2z-YIUZuUoa9Rw_x449Hd_Y&r=X2zpu2ZnjkL6zoiSXFs-Dw7VUpz9q24UYqWegpD-hmw&m=ueV14d0JZZKqOPAjC4n9ow5xr2mJVr_4ncwePVa9uxQ&s=0mSL4pVstTP3Hh3KoKTwQhtovrareKv38pZEqRpWTCc&e=) beginning June 17, 2019 and are due no later than **August 2, 2019**.

**UCLA DGSOM W. M. Keck Foundation Junior Faculty Awards – has eligibility tied to time of first appointment at UCLA; see more below**

<https://medschool.ucla.edu/research/w-m-keck-foundation-awards>

**Optum**

This summer, AARP®and OptumLabs**®**, with support from the National Quality Forum (NQF) Measure Incubator®, will open a call for proposals for the**2019 AARP Quality Measure Innovation Grant**. AARP’s goal for this award is to encourage the creation of new performance measures that may eventually be widely adopted to fill important measurement gaps, while improving the lives of older Americans. This grant includes $150,000 in funding, access to the OptumLabs Data Warehouse (OLDW) and the option to apply for a license to include Medicare Parts A,B &D claims data linked to OLDW as part of the project.

The formal announcement goes out on June 24th, and  additional details are included in the attached email, including an email address to send questions - [proposals.optumlabs@optum.com](mailto:proposals.optumlabs@optum.com?subject=2019%20AARP%20Quality%20Measure%20Innovation%20Grant)

**Appendix 3. BrowZine**

[**BrowZine GLA Journals**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__browzine.com_libraries_1840_&d=DwMFAg&c=UXmaowRpu5bLSLEQRunJ2z-YIUZuUoa9Rw_x449Hd_Y&r=X2zpu2ZnjkL6zoiSXFs-Dw7VUpz9q24UYqWegpD-hmw&m=1qvPXiVY7KyGdsIqo7Gh43F-9wgu4HtdaG1vl549Yug&s=_FjEnoeFJX3cWXgmJQ7GsewLK6RzVLUg9_uAT_D8Qcg&e=)

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For mobile devices, download the BrowZine App -> Open the app -> select VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System and enter your OpenAthens login credentials when prompted.

1. If you don’t have an OpenAthens account, create one here [Athens remote access registration](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.va.gov_LIBRARY_remote-5Faccess.asp&d=DwMFAg&c=UXmaowRpu5bLSLEQRunJ2z-YIUZuUoa9Rw_x449Hd_Y&r=X2zpu2ZnjkL6zoiSXFs-Dw7VUpz9q24UYqWegpD-hmw&m=1qvPXiVY7KyGdsIqo7Gh43F-9wgu4HtdaG1vl549Yug&s=Y-dU8JbCd3LgXdX3I54Ne8yjb6o4vzfyMmMftb6V-0w&e=)
2. Initial registration for Athens must be completed on a VA computer.