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Downtown Campus:

- Charity hospital: Negotiations are moving ahead, a formal agreement is not yet finalized (in lawyer's hands). Approximately 300,000 sq. ft. are expected to become available. Renovation ideas include making space available for research, administration and possibly housing.
- Additional downtown housing for students is also being considered. The aim is to build a community in addition to providing housing and convenience. This is expected to enhance collaboration among students and researchers.
- Future plans include renovation of SOM building (still in early planning phase).
- AAU membership went well. Increased grant support helped a lot. The reality of obtaining grants is to apply for grants in order to get it.
- Last year there were record numbers of applications, a trend that needs to be maintained.
- Federal grants award: University wide awards are up 27%. SOM grants constitute the majority of these awards. The goal is to increase Federal funding ~50% in 5 years (27% increase in one year is excellent).
- Collaborative work in applying for grants is encouraged.

Honors & Awards:

- The University is working with Deans and Chairmen to enhance these awards and encourage nominating faculty for these awards. Hoping to see a big increase.

Citations:

- Citations of publications remain a big challenge. This issue was the weakest according to AAU. Citations refer to where the investigators were when the work was done. Ideas to improve citations include writing "Reviews" (important and are cited more) and of course publishing in reputable journals.
- In short, we need to do better. The University will hire people to help with writing grants. The goal is to provide resources to help faculty. There is a plan by the University (Provost office) to pay to allow manuscripts be *open access* since open access are cited more. Please forward requests to Provost office.
- Hiring: not yet finished – ongoing, goals are to aim for excellence.
- Summary: Reaffirming the aim that Tulane is a premier research university. We embrace this goal and work for it.

Answers to Questions and suggestions:

1. *Suggestion that department and Chairman promote the work for exposure, not only helping in writing.*
One way is to submit publications to organizations that will make the work available to members. This helps circulate the work for more exposure.
Co-authors (especially international) will also help in gaining wider exposure.
2. *Twitter accounts will help (Sarah Lindsey). Is there any push to promote open access by AAU or others?*
A task force is formed on how to manage publications. Cost of acquiring journals by university libraries is growing very fast. This is still a topic of discussion.
3. A suggestion to establish a scholar track for residents to help with reviewing manuscripts and proposals (*Jay Kolls*).
4. *Any help in reformatting manuscripts that have been rejected to be resubmitted?*
This is time-consuming. No answer yet.
5. *Food availability is lacking. It is important for students as well.*
Answer: Being considered and important.
6. *Is there a solution for lack of space for animal care (Sam Landry)?*
Answer: Short term solution: converting unused space in JBJ
Mid-term: Charity renovation may provide expansion of animal care space.
Uptown Animal Care is more urgent.
7. *Suggestion (Jay Kolls) : Animals (mice) can be bred outside (Jackson lab, etc). More expensive but could be valid in long-term.*

Dean's Report: Dr. Hamm

- Professionalism program update: Going well.
 - Some comments by students were revealing.
 - The Dean agrees with provost about good news of research and increased funding.
 - Clinical operations are improving and growing.
 - More data and transparency are needed to improve focusing ambition and becoming a better school
 - Work on establishing metrics to evaluate work and progress is ongoing. The aim is to use it for improvement and not punitive.

Faculty Affairs (Dr. Krousel-Wood)

- Please submit evaluations. Due in June.
- Use "Faculty 180" App to organize and document accomplishments, training, scholarly contributions etc.

- Please consider referrals to new clinical faculty.
- New Pulmonary faculty were introduced.

Dr. Kahn is leaving to a new position as Dean of Medical School at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.