

July 10th, 2013 - Monthly CQI Meeting Notes

Agenda - to identify project goals, needed resources (people, money, etc.), likely timeframe for involvement, and metrics for these committees: *Impact of Biostatistics on Grants, U.S. News and World Report, and Collaborator Feedback*

Impact of Biostatistics on Grants

Members: Present – Donna Bock, John Bock; Not Present – Seth Martin, Peggy Schuyler, Fei Ye

ActionItems:

- This committee was unable to meet before this meeting. Will be back in August with goals and objectives developed.

OtherNotes:

- Donna shared that NIH RePORT (report.nih.gov) allows one to view funding and success rates.

U.S. News and World Report Ranking

Members: Present – Dandan Liu; Not Present - Jeffrey Blume, Svetlana Eden, Charles Federspiel, Robert Johnson, Sandeep Parvathapuram, Linda Wilson

ActionItems: Will be back in September to update

- 1) Determine if we are listed as a Biostatistics/Statistics department by ASA and what assistance that may provide. (1 month)
- 2) Determine if the Dept. (Dr. Harrell) has received a questionnaire from U.S. News & World Report. If so, was it completed? If not, how can we obtain questionnaire? Frank has not received such a questionnaire. He said he would have a meeting with chairs from other highly ranked department and he would ask them about it. (1 month)
- 3) Determine if Vanderbilt has an outreach dept. that may provide assistance to inclusion on lists. (1 month)
- 4) Contact Department of Medicine to determine what steps if any they took to achieve their #11 ranking on US News and World Report. (2 months)

Collaborator Feedback

Members: Present – Rameela Chandrasekhar, Jennifer Thompson; Not Present – Dan Byrne, William Wu, Pengcheng Lu

Goals: see wiki page link below

ActionItems:

- Develop the survey (Back in October to update)

OtherNotes:

- The committee has created a wiki page to track progress and goals (biostat.mc.vanderbilt.edu/CollaboratorFeedback)
- There are some questions about the anonymity of the survey, including pointing out specific statisticians. The desired audience for the survey is another point to figure out. Suggestions include department chairs and any faculty and fellows who have worked with our department.

Other Topics Discussed

Innovation: Possible creation of a committee to focus on how we impact other departments' research on a global scale in addition to the individual PI level. This committee would also look at realigning the rewards and recognition process with impacts on themes across the institution and improving the quality of research in other departments.