Nutritional Sciences Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2013  
305 Kildee Hall

1. **Members in attendance:** Cheryl Morris, Lorraine Lanningham-Foster, Helen Jensen, Wendy White, Ruth McDonald, Mark Rasmussen, Suzanne Hendrich, Lance Baumgard, Kevin Schalinske, Don Beitz, and Diane Birt

2. **Call to order and introductions:** Don Beitz called the meeting to order, and each person was introduced.

3. **Minutes of May 8 meeting:** Minutes of previous meeting were approved as distributed in May of 2013.

4. **Financial report:** Don Beitz presented the following financial report.

   A. Cash balances (as of December 17, 2013)

   - Burroughs Lectureship Fund-------------------$4,547.72
   - Griffith Research Excellence Award-------------903.88
   - Martin Life Science Fund----------------------3,909.35
   - Nissen Symposium---------------------------------221.44
   - James A. Olson Memorial------------------------11,135.00

   B. Endowment Balances (as of December 17, 2013)

   - Burroughs Lectureship Fund-------------------$108,481.78
   - Griffith Research Excellence Award-------------7,483.22
   - Martin Life Science Fund----------------------208,686.44

   Residual funds of the Nissen Symposium can be used to support Modern Views of Nutrition activities. James A. Olson Memorial has been established to support future Summer Lectureships.

5. **Borlaug Lecture Report:** Helen Jensen summarized the 2013 Borlaug Lecture that was held on October 14, 2013. The Lecture with the title of “Scientific Discovery and the Fight to End Global Hunger” was presented by the 2013 World Food Prize Laureates Mary-Dell Chilton, Robert Fraley, and Marc Van Montagu. Undergraduate student poster contest winners were (first to third) Catum Whitfield, Julie Perreault, and Hannah Darr. Graduate student poster contest winners were (first to third) Seth Armah, Rashid Suleiman, and Alyssa Beavers. Thanks to the President’s Office, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Human Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Plant Science Institute for financial support of the Lecture and Poster Competition.
6. **Modern Views of Nutrition:** Lorraine Lanningham-Foster reported that four Burroughs-sponsored lectures (No. 203 through No. 206) were held during Fall 2013. One additional lecture that needed to be canceled is planned for Spring 2013.

7. **Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Science:** No report.

8. **Nutritional Immunology Graduate Course:** Marian Kohut is interested in pursuing development of a Nutritional Immunology Course. Attendees expressed enthusiasm for this course as it seems needed within the Nutritional Science curriculum. A 2-credit course at the 500 level is suggested. Teaching two 1-credit modules would be acceptable. Several attendees expressed interest in meeting with Dr. Kohut to discuss development of the course.

9. **NUTRS 505/Nissen Symposium:** Wendy White and Don Beitz reported on a successful Nissen Symposium (2013 Summer Lectureship) that was held May 16 and 17, 2013. Title of the Symposium was “Proteins in Human Health and Performance”.

10. **David R. Griffith Research Award:** Don Beitz announced that Anne Smazal, student of Kevin Schalinske, was the 2013 winner of this Award. A call for nominations again will be sent during mid-Spring 2014.

11. **W.S. Martin Grants Program:** Don Beitz reported that the Martin Program is currently supporting a project of Marian Kohut/Mike Spurlock with the title of “Role of T cells and plasmacytoid dendritic cells in regulating adipocyte sensitivity”. Attendees encouraged regular reporting to the Council membership of research activities supported by the Martin Program. A report of the 2012 project has been requested from the investigator.

12. **Dateline North of Nutrition Notes of ASN:** Don Beitz thanked everyone for quarterly reporting of appropriate activities for publication in the *Nutrition Notes* of the ASN.

13. **Current Issues in Nutrition:** Don Beitz reported that residual funds (~$3,000) of the ‘Current Issues in Nutrition’ project of the Nutritional Sciences Council were transferred into the Burroughs Lectureship Fund.

14. **ISU Receptions at professional meetings:** Don Beitz encouraged participation in the following two receptions.

   EB 2014—7-10 pm on Monday, April 28 in ASN Headquarters Hotel
   ADSA/ASAS—8:30 pm on Monday, July 21 in Marriott Downtown
15. **2014 Summer Lectureship (NUTRS 505):** Don Beitz reported the following arrangements for the 2014 Summer Lectureship (ruby year):

Title: ‘Microbiome: Friends with Benefits’
Date and place: July 14 to 17 in 1204 Kildee Hall (10 am – noon)

16. **New members:** No nominations of new members were made.

17. **Other business/brainstorming:** Don Beitz proposed the concept of increasing the on-campus publicity of research and teaching activities of nutritional scientists on campus. Such publicity could include the following:

New personnel in research group
New faculty bios
Papers published
Meetings attended
Person items (optional)

Ruth McDonald suggested that such activities be included in Department Newsletters. Attendees expressed interest in giving this outlet a try to increase publicity of nutritional scientists on campus. Accordingly, Don Beitz will summarize the 2013 Summer Lectureship and Modern Views of Nutrition programs for upcoming Newsletters of the Departments of Animal Science, Food Science and Human Nutrition, and Kinesiology.

18. **Announcements:** Diane Birt announced that she is coordinating an on-campus conference on “Resistant Starch” for May 14-16, 2014. Watch for details.