Nutritional Sciences Council
Meeting Minutes
4:10 pm on December 17, 2014
305 Kildee Hall


1. Call to order and introductions—D. Beitz called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes of May 7, 2014 meeting: Minutes were approved as written.

3. Financial report—D. Beitz

   A. Cash balances (as of December 17, 2014)

      Burroughs Lectureship Fund-------------------$8,367.56
      Griffith Research Excellence Award----------$900.84
      Martin Life Science Fund---------------------3,234.00
      Nissen Symposium-------------------------------458.94
      James A. Olson Memorial-----------------------5,398.34

   B. Endowment Balances (as of December 17, 2014)

      Burroughs Lectureship Fund-------------------$114,608.55
      Griffith Research Excellence Award----------7,864.47
      Martin Life Science Fund---------------------219,318.31

4. Borlaug Lecture/Poster Competition Report—Thanks to H. Jensen, D. Winham, J. Stewart for coordinating activities including the Poster Competition at the 2014 Borlaug Lecture. In rank order, Sharon Tuslime, Qi Xu, and Gar Yee Koh were the winners of the 2014 graduate student poster competition, and, in rank order, Celize Christy, Malcolm Smith, and Cameron Hall were winners of the 2014 undergraduate student poster competition.

5. Modern Views of Nutrition—Thanks to N. Gabler and L. Lanningham-Foster, along with Wendy White, James Hollis, Suzanne Hendrich, and Stephanie Hansen for coordinating the 2014 Modern Views of Nutrition program on “Big Data”. Committee will elect the their chair for the 2015 Committee and inform the chair of the Nutritional Sciences Council if members need to be named to replace ‘retiring’ Committee members. Committee may add two graduate student members. Concern was expressed regarding few numbers of Council members who attended the seminars.

6. Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences—M. Rowling led a meeting of the IGPNS faculty the hour prior to this meeting of the Council. Applications
of graduate students beginning in January 2015 and August 2015 are being evaluated. Some concern was expressed that only a few graduate students from Dept. of Animal Science were in NUTRS 501 during Fall 2014.

7. ‘Nutritional Immunology’ Graduate Course—Members encouraged M. Kohut to continue development of a graduate-level nutritional immunology course for 2 or 3 credits. She would be interested in another person co-teaching the class with her.

8. David R. Griffith Research Award—D. Beitz presented the 2014 David R. Griffith Award to Seth Armah, graduate student with Manju Reddy, during the 2014 Summer Lectureship. Nominations will be requested during spring 2015 for the 2015 Griffith Award competition.

9. W.S. Martin Grants Program—D. Beitz announced that the proposal with the title of “Impact of S-adenosylmethionine supplementation on Parkinson’s disease” written by Kevin Schlinske was approved for funding during 2014-2015. Watch for the announcement for next year’s competition during spring 2015.

10. Report of previous Martin Grant—M. Kohut gave a progress report on her 2013-2014 Martin project with the title of “Role of T cells and plasmacytoid dendritic cells in regulating adipocyte insulin sensitivity.

11. Dateline North of Nutrition Notes of ASN—D. Beitz encouraged ASN members of the Council to continue sending him notifications of their special seminars, awards, and other recognitions for publication in Dateline North of ASN Notes.

12. ISU Receptions at professional meetings—D. Beitz promoted these two receptions:

   EB 2015—7-10 pm on Monday, March 30 in ASN Headquarters Hotel, Boston
   ADSA/ASAS—8:30 pm on Monday, July 13, 2015 in Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando

13. 2014 Summer Lectureship (NUTRS 505)—D. Beitz reported on the successful 2014 Summer Lectureship in which Bryan White of the University of Illinois-UC and Carl Yeoman of Montana State University lectured on “The microbiome in nutrition, health, and disease: Friends with benefits”. The Lectureship was supported by the James A. Olson Memorial fund. D. Beitz encouraged members to suggest speakers and topics for the 2015 Lectureship.

14. New Council members—Robin P. Shook and Rudy J. Valentine, both assistant professors of kinesiology in the Dept. of Kinesiology, were unanimously elected into membership of the Council.

15. Other business/brainstorming/ISU symposia: No discussion was held.

16. Next meeting: May 6 at 4:10 in 305 Kildee Hall