Nutritional Sciences Council
Meeting Minutes
4:10 pm on May 7, 2014
305 Kildee Hall

1. **Call to order and introductions**—D. Beitz called the meeting to order with Aileen Keating, Josh Selsby, Ruth MacDonald, Helen Jensen, Lorraine Lanningham-Foster, Marit Nilsen-Hamilton, Jeanne Stewart, Matt Rowling, John Rathmacher, and Don Beitz in attendance.

2. **Minutes of December 18, 2013 meeting**: Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. **Financial report**—D. Beitz
   
   A. Cash balances (as of May 6, 2014)
   
   Burroughs Lectureship Fund------------------------$6,566.66
   Griffith Research Excellence Award---------------1,043.15
   Martin Life Science Fund-------------------------7,793.18
   Nissen Symposium---------------------------------221.44
   James A. Olson Memorial--------------------------11,135.00

   B. Endowment Balances (as of May 6, 2014)
   
   Burroughs Lectureship Fund-----------------------$112,953.52
   Griffith Research Excellence Award--------------7,793.18
   Martin Life Science Fund------------------------217,288.73

4. **Borlaug Lecture Report**—H. Jensen/J. Hollis/J. Stewart: Please reserve October 13, 2014 as the Borlaug Lecture in the Memorial Union. Jeanne Stewart has been working on a new ‘Borlaug statue’ as a gift from the President’s Office to the World Food Prize speaker. We will again feature a poster competition for graduate and undergraduate students.

5. **Modern Views of Nutrition**—Lorraine Lanningham-Foster will convene the committee soon to begin planning for the 2014 Modern Views of Nutrition Program. Josh Selsby and Aileen Keating volunteered to join the committee of Nick Gabler, Wendy White, James Hollis, Suzanne Hendrich, and Stephanie Hansen. With the addition of two new members, two of the longest-term members of the committee may rotate off the Committee. The Committee could have up to about $8,000 available to support the Fall 2014 program.

6. **Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences**—Matt Rowling, DOGE for IGPNS, announced that three rotating graduate students will join the Nutritional Sciences program in late August. John Rathmacher again will be offering NUTRS 619 (Protein Metabolism) during Fall 2014. Be sure to consider having your
students register for this course; about 8 registered students are needed to justify offering the course.

7. **Nutritional Immunology Graduate Course**—Marian Kohut has expressed interest in teaching part of a graduate-level Nutritional Immunology course. At the meeting, we learned that Mike Spurlock is interested in teaching a similar course too. We suggest that Mike Spurlock and Marian Kohut get together for a discussion of co-teaching such a course that fulfills a need within our Nutritional Science curriculum.

8. **David R. Griffith Research Excellence Award**—Three nominations have been received for the 2014 Griffith Research Excellence Award. Mike Spurlock and Matt Rowling have volunteered to assist in naming the 2014 Awardee(s). At least one additional volunteer is needed to assist in this activity. (M. Spurlock, M. Rowling, and K. Schalinske served as review committee)

9. **W.S. Martin Grants Program**—Four proposals have been received for the $7,500 available to support ‘daring’ research beginning about July 1, 2014. Lorraine Lanningham-Foster volunteered to serve on the review panel. Two additional scientists are needed. (Nick Gabler, E. Lonergan, and Lorraine Lanningham-Foster served as review committee)

10. **Report of previous Martin Grant**—Josh Selsby reported on his research supported by Martin funds. His research entitled “Toward determining a quercetin-stimulated pathway in muscle cells” is completed.

11. **Dateline North of Nutrition Notes of ASN**—Be sure to let D. Beitz know of Nutrition Notes-worthy items about yourself when requested quarterly.

12. **ISU Receptions at professional meetings**—

   EB 2014—7-10 pm on Monday, April 28 in ASN Headquarters Hotel: Ruth MacDonald reported that lower-than-previous attendance suggests that we should concentrate our efforts on the University Mixer on the Sunday evening of ASN meetings next year. We may even wish to invest in reserving an Iowa State University table with an identifying sign.

   ADSA/ASAS—8:30 pm on Monday, July 21, 2014 in Marriott Downtown

13. **2014 Summer Lectureship (NUTRS 505)**—D. Beitz

   ‘Microbiome: Friends with Benefits’
   Drs. Bryan White of U. of Illinois and Carl Yeoman of Montana State U.
   July 14 to 18 in 1204 Kildee Hall (10 am – noon)
Be sure to have your graduate students register for NUTRS 505 for Summer 2014. Of course, nutrition faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

14. **New Council members**—Ruth MacDonald nominated Max Rothschild and Manjit Misra, co-leaders of a presidential initiative on global food security, and Donna Winham (new faculty member in FSHN Dept.) for membership in the Nutritional Science Council. Don Beitz nominated Soi Meng (Samantha) Lei, research associate for research groups on third floor of Kildee Hall for membership too. All four were approved by unanimous vote.

15. **Announcement**—Consider registering for the “Integrating Resistant Starch, Microbiome, and Disease Risk Reduction symposium to be held on May 14-18 at Gateway Hotel. Faculty registration is $100 and student registration is free. For details and registration, go to [http://www.fshn.hs.iastate.edu/resistant-starch-symp/](http://www.fshn.hs.iastate.edu/resistant-starch-symp/).

16. **Next meeting**—Mark your calendars for the next meeting of the Council on Wednesday, December 17, at 4:10 pm in 305 Kildee Hall.