Nutritional Sciences Council
Meeting Minutes
4:10 pm on December 16, 2015
305 Kildee Hall

1. Call to order and introductions—D. Beitz called the meeting to order with these members in attendance: Kevin Schalinske, Rudy Valentine, Matt Rowling, Don Beitz, Donna Winham, Samantha Lei, Suzanne Hendrich, Nick Gabler, Lorraine Lanningham-Foster, John Patience, Ruth MacDonald, and Helen Jensen

2. Minutes of May 6, 2015 meeting—Minutes of the May 6 meeting were distributed to attendees and approved.

3. Financial report—D. Beitz reported on the balances of the following accounts of the Nutritional Sciences Council.
   
   A. Cash balances (as of December 15, 2015)
      
      Burroughs Lectureship Fund----------$10,367.82
      Griffith Research Excellence Award---$909.88
      Martin Life Science Fund-----------------5,480.84
      Nissen Symposium------------------------458.94
      James A. Olson Memorial-----------------2,737.04
   
   B. Endowment Balances (as of December 15, 2015)
      
      Burroughs Lectureship Fund------------$103,730.77
      Griffith Research Excellence Award-----7,155.50
      Martin Life Science Fund---------------199,546.93

4. Borlaug Lecture/Poster Competition Report—Helen Jensen and Donna Winham reported on another successful Borlaug Lecture on October 12. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, the 2015 World Food Prize laureate, elegantly spoke about his leadership of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) to fight poverty in the country of Bangladesh. Donna Winham successfully led another graduate and undergraduate student poster competition. She hopes to have more graduate student participation next year.

5. Modern Views of Nutrition—Thanks to the leadership of Suzanne Hendrich (chair), Nick Gabler, Auriel Willette, Donna Winham, Lorraine Lanningham-Foster, and Stephanie Hansen, four invited speakers presented Modern Views of Nutrition Seminars. One will need to be rescheduled possibly in Spring 2016. The Committee will meet during Spring 2016 semester to initiate plans for Fall 2016. Don Beitz will consider adding additional members to Committee.
6. Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences—M. Rowling reported that all new students for Fall 2015 now have academic homes. He is developing plans to update the IGPNS web site as a stand-alone site analogous to MCDB and other interdepartmental programs.

7. ‘Nutritional Immunology’ Graduate Course—M. Kohut is seeking someone to co-develop a graduate course on nutritional immunology. Melha Mallata, a new assistant professor in the Dept. of FSHN, may have interest.

8. David R. Griffith Research Award—D. Beitz announced that Hong You, a graduate student of Wendy White, received the 2015 David R. Griffith Award. The Award was presented during the 2015 Summer Lectureship.

9. W.S. Martin Grants Program—D. Beitz announced that the project proposed by Matt Rowling (PI) and Kevin Schalinske (CoPI) with the title of “Impact of soy protein consumption on aberrant micronutrient metabolism in type 2 diabetes” was selected for funding and will begin on July 2015.

10. Report of previous Martin Grant recipient—K. Schalinske reported that he has completed the project on S-adenosyl methionine supplementation that supported by Martin funds the previous year.

11. Dateline North of Nutrition Notes of ASN—D. Beitz reminded everyone to continue to report to him when requested with news that is worthy to be reported in Dateline North of the ASN Nutrition Notes.

12. ISU Receptions at professional meetings—D. Beitz reported on these two arrangements made for ISU Receptions.

   EB 2016—7-10 pm on Monday, April 4 in Hilton San Diego-Bayfront
   ADSA/ASAS—8:30 pm on Wednesday, July 20, 2015 in Salt Palace Convention Center

13. 2016 Summer Lectureship (NUTRS 505)—D. Beitz has sent an invitation to Dr. Karen A. Lillycrop of the University of Southampton in England to speak on control of gene expression and epigenetics at the 2016 Summer Lectureship. Unfortunately, she has not responded yet to two invitations. Any ideas anyone in case this invitation is not accepted? George Fahey of the University of Illinois led the 2015 Summer Lectureship with the topic of “Dietary Fiber”.

14. New members—No nominations of new members were made.

15. ASN Board of Directors Report: Kevin Schalinske, current Board member of ASN, reported that ASN meetings in 2018, 2019, and 2020 will be held independent of Experimental Biology. Experimental Biology 2017 will be held in Chicago rather than in the originally planned San Francisco site. A new and nameless open access journal is being developed by ASN. A search for the Editor of this new journal has been initiated.
AJCN also is looking for a new Editor. He also encouraged members to volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee of ASN to help select the next ASN Vice President-Elect. He also reported that ASN will need a new Director of the RIS (2-year term) to begin June 1, 2017; elections will be held this spring. So, if anyone is interested and/or would like to discuss what the position entails, please contact Kevin Schalinske.

16. Next meeting: May 4, 2016 at 4:10 in 305 Kildee Hall