Nutritional Sciences Council
Meeting Minutes
4:10 pm on May 6, 2015
1204 Kildee Hall (Ensminger Room)


1. **Call to order:** D. Beitz called the meeting to order.

2. **Minutes of December 17, 2014 meeting:** Minutes of the December 17, 2014 were approved as distributed to the membership.

3. **Financial report:** D. Beitz presented the following financial balances of the different Nutritional Sciences Council accounts.

   A. Cash balances (as of May 4, 2014)

   - Burroughs Lectureship Fund-----------------$10,490.71
   - Griffith Research Excellence Award----------1,047.29
   - Martin Life Science Fund---------------------7,252.29
   - Nissen Symposium-----------------------------221.44?
   - James A. Olson Memorial---------------------5,162.13

   B. Endowment Balances (as of May 4, 2015)

   - Burroughs Lectureship Fund-----------------$112,593.98
   - Griffith Research Excellence Award----------7,766.89
   - Martin Life Science Fund---------------------216,597.11

4. **Borlaug Lecture:** H. Jensen reported that the 2015 Borlaug Lecture will be held on October 12, 2015 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. J. Stewart is coordinating the presentation of the memento to the speaker (2015 World Food Prize winner). D. Winham will coordinate the undergraduate and graduate student poster competition. Greater involvement of Gail Nonnecke of the Global Resource Program is recommended.

5. **Modern Views of Nutrition:** N. Gabler, L. Lanningham-Foster, S. Hansen, A. Willette, S. Hendrich, and D. Winham will coordinate the 2015 Modern Views of Nutrition program.

6. **Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Science:** M. Rowling, in absentia, reported that five new graduate students will join the IGPNS program this 2015 fall semester. He also announced that a new IT person is now available and will assist with the redesign of the website for the IGPNS.
7. **Nutritional Immunology Graduate Course:** M. Kohut was not available for a report.

8. **David R. Griffith Research Award:** D. Beitz announced that May 8 is the deadline for submission of nominees for the 2015 David R. Griffith Research Award.

9. **W.S. Martin Grants Program:** D. Beitz announced that May 8 is the deadline for submission of two-page research proposals for support by the W.S. Martin Fund.

10. **Report of previous Martin Grant:** K. Schalinske, in absentia, reported that his group performed some additional measures on tissue samples from earlier studies with SAM supplementation. These assays included metabolite and neurotransmitter concentrations, as well as the abundance of specific neurotransmitter transporters. An abstract was submitted to EB 2015 and was selected for an oral presentation with this reference: Schalinske, K.L. and A.L. Smazal. 2015. Oral S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) administration increases whole brain concentrations of dopamine and norepinephrine in rats. FASEB J. 29: (in press). He also plans to submit a manuscript of the research to *J. of Nutrition* and possibly an R21 to the NIH from the results as well.

11. **Dateline North of Nutrition Notes of ASN:** D. Beitz encouraged submission of newsworthy items to him for publication in the ASN *Nutrition Notes*.

12. **ISU Receptions at professional meetings:** D. Beitz reported on the following receptions:

   - EB 2015—7-10 pm on Monday, March 30 in ASN Headquarters Hotel
   - ADSA/ASAS—8:30-11 pm on Monday, July 13, 2015 in Orlando, FL

13. **2015 Summer Lectureship (NUTRS 505):** D. Beitz reported on the arrangements for the 2015 Summer Lectureship. The James A. Olson Memorial Fund will be used to support the 2015 program. Title is “Dietary fiber: Why it is considered a shortfall nutrient”. The Lectureship will be taught by Dr. George C. Fahey, Jr., University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign. The Lectureship will be held on June 29 through July 2 in 1204 Kildee Hall (9 am – noon). James Russell will coordinate a 2-hour session on current ISU research on fiber.

14. **New members:** Dr. Auriel Willette of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition was approved for membership in the Nutritional Sciences Council.

15. **Next meeting:** December 16, 2015 is the proposed date for the next meeting of the Council.

Minutes prepared by D. Beitz