**AMES meeting – March 7, 2013 – 12:00 p.m.**

Present: Helen Amerongen, Jack Nolte, Amy Waer, Paul St. John, Chris Cuniff, Todd Vanderah, Sean Elliott

I. Announcements

A. Paul G. will survey Tucson AMES membership to identify new time/day for monthly meetings,

as he is unable to attend on the 1st Thursday of the month at noon.

B. Paul has received email from Phoenix campus faculty re: application for AMES Grant funds.

Discussion ensued. Tucson AMES members agree that:

i. Tucson AMES budget provides for research conducted at Tucson campus and Phoenix

campus will be pursuing its own budget support. Thus, Phoenix faculty members should

approach Phoenix AMES for grant opportunities.

ii. Current Tucson AMES Grant cycle is closed. No current funding opportunities exist,

other than open WGEA Travel Grant.

II. Old Business

A. Update on AMES Block & Clerkship Awards – ad hoc committee met to discuss nominations

for Year I/II and Year III/IV Awards. Neuroscience Block chosen for Year I/II and Emergency

Medicine/Critical Care rotation chosen for Year III/IV. Sean crafted and sent out letters.

B. Update on WGEA Research Travel Awards – No grant submissions received yet.

C. Update on Journal Club – Journal Club Task Force is on agenda for next month’s AMES

meeting.

III. New Business

A. Criteria for Medical Student Research RFPs – Extensive discussion. Major points:

i. Research should be mentored by faculty; a list of AMES faculty should be made

available to student grant submitters

ii. AMES should set aside a total amount to fund student-driven educational research;

AMES will fund as many proposals as possible based on quality and total requested

budget;

iii. Student proposals should be capped at $3000 total requested amount

iv. Proposals should include an assessment component and could involve examination of

an existing educational practice or development and assessment of a new practice. The

research should examine medical student education oriented practices.

v. Proposal should describe a project that can be completed in 1 year

vi. Project should be presented at Medical Education Day. Students will be encouraged

to submit their abstracts to AAMC and WGEA. Unclear how/whether to fund their travel

costs.

B. Additional travel support: AMES members felt that AMES should consider sending student

leaders to AAMC and WGEA meetings by providing travel funds. Also, AMES members support

sending the chairperson of Tucson AMES to such meetings as WGEA, IMC, AAMC.

C. Logistics of tracking AMES supported research and coordinating request for proposals is

burdensome for the chairperson. AMES members discussed adding administrative FTE

support to next fiscal year budget, to allow chairperson’s administrative assistant (or

designee) to perform these duties. Anticipated time is 0.05 to 0.1 FTE. **ACTION item: flag**

**this issue for discussion and insertion into next budget.**

D. Podcast vs “live” attendance by students – extensive discussion about challenge of medical

students choosing to attend classes in person vs by podcast. We need data to address the

question “Does attendance relate to performance in a Year I/II block?” Todd has started a

survey process in Neuroscience block but is awaiting IRB approval to release the results and

validate them.

Extensive discussion about design study, question to be addressed, outcomes measure

(exam performance vs societal impact vs performance as MD, etc.) **ACTION item: AMES**

**members wish to collaborate across the blocks represented by them to conduct this research.**

Two approaches are to #1) support Todd and Neuroscience block in their ongoing project and

#2) consider new project: Require attendance at one lecture/week, flag exam questions specific

to content in that lecture and compare performance on those questions vs control questions to

assess whether students perform better on content from required vs non-required lectures.

Conduct this project prospectively across two years of blocks. **ACTION item: Continue**

**discussion next month to pursue both projects**.

III. Adjourned 1:00 pm