

## **Minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting of the Science and Research Council**

The Science and Research Council met at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference on October 11, 2017. A quorum was present.

Dr. Jan Taylor called the meeting to order and set out the charge for the Council: discuss and decide on who will receive the new Research Challenge Grants.

Dr. Taylor started the discussion by reiterating her points from the email to the Council. She weighs qualitative ranking heavier than numerical scores. However the two contenders ranked high in both qualitative and numerical scores: Dr. Nasrabadi and Damron.

For the third selection, the Council discussed the merits of several proposals. Dr. Fred King thought that Dr. Adjeroh's research was closely related to that of Dr. Nasrabadi and proposed that they work together. He recommended Dr. Hu's proposal particularly since it was in an area of excellence at WVU.

Dr. Laura Gibson agreed with Dr. King and added that she also thought a 3<sup>rd</sup> discipline was needed. Dr. Orlando McMeans also supported King's recommendation.

Ms. Robin Sizemore questioned if Dr. Wu's proposal might be a contender since his proposal related to opioids which is a real issue for West Virginia. Dr. Gibson agreed that Wu's proposal does address a need (opioid addiction) but the time from the research to a commercial device is much longer than some of the other proposals. Dr. King also wondered if funding Wu would be appropriate since he has significant funding in other areas of research and may not have the time to devote to the research proposed for the Research Challenge Grant. Dr. Earl Scime encouraged funding new areas of research rather than existing projects that were well-funded.

There being no further discussion, the Council voted on whether to fund Dr. Hu's proposal. The Council approved Dr. Hu's proposal by a vote of 8-1.

Dr. Jack Carpenter moved and Dr. John Maher seconded to approve the proposals of Dr. Nasrabadi and Dr. Damron. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.