

DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCES WORK GROUP  
Meeting Notes

Date/Time of Meeting: March 5, 2008

Location: Troy Conference Room

Attendees: Alice Carter, Jessica Whiteley, , Ed Tronick, Alexia Pollack, Ken Kleene, Linda Huang, Zsuzsa Kaldy, Donna Kuizenga, Felicia Wilczenski

Excused: Celia Moore, William Kiernan

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS
February 20 minutes		approved	
Open meeting debrief	Work group members were pleased with the attendance at the open meeting and with the range and thoughtful nature of the comments. The group also appreciates Christine DePalma's work in taking notes at the meeting. Principal concerns raised were about the scope of the project as stated in our current working description. Among the suggested areas to be included were policy, ethics, gerontology and dissemination of findings to non-specialized audiences. DK indicated at the work group meeting that she had heard concerns from MGS and the Gerontology Program, and would be meeting with them next week.	The group decided to distribute a brief survey to all faculty to allow all interested parties to respond and thus gain more information about relevant research interests University-wide	DK drafts survey and revises with help of work group.  DK works with CdP to get survey put on line and to have distributed on the all-faculty list.  DK will report on results of MGS meeting
Research interest classification	It was agreed that the classification would need to be refined since some of the categories were too broad	We will look at this as the report evolves and we determine its place in it.	
Additional discussion of implementation plan and	The open meeting discussion prompted additional reflections on our implementation		

<p>report.</p>	<p>plans and the organization of our report.  Issues discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translational research—need to go both ways from practice to bench as well as bench to practice</li> <li>• Do we need to define initial projects?</li> <li>• Begin with a larger group out of which natural affinity groups will grow</li> <li>• What are the boundaries? Scientific studies or translational research? Public policy? Or is that in another group?</li> <li>• Initial pass at a group of issues the cluster/center might address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communication</li> <li>○ Stress and regulation of stress</li> <li>○ Signaling mechanisms</li> <li>○ Fear circuitry</li> <li>○ Trauma exposure</li> <li>○ Effects of drugs [acute vs. chronic]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Need to begin with a coherent program.</li> <li>• Need for mission statement.</li> <li>• Who will do work in next stage?</li> </ul>		
<p>Tentative implementation plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1: April 08 through January 09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meetings organized thematically open to all interested researchers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Phase 2 January 09 through September 09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First cohort of research groups develop specific hypotheses to be examined</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Phase 3: September 09 through</li> </ul>		

	<p>September 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pilot funding awarded to two groups from first cohort and preliminary data gathered</li> <li>○ Second set of open thematic meetings held, September 09 through January 10.</li> <li>○ January 10 through September 10 Second cohort of research groups develop hypotheses</li> <li>● Phase 4: September 10 through September 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grant applications submitted by first cohort</li> <li>○ Pilot funding awarded to two groups from second cohort and preliminary data gathered</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Phase 5: September 11 through September 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First cohort research groups continue work with external funding.</li> <li>○ Second cohort research groups submit grant applications.</li> <li>○ Third set of thematic meetings held. If necessary, depending on level of activity and success in obtaining grants from first two cohorts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Funding and staffing required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Phase 1: Four person steering committee with help from VDC staff</li> <li>● Phase 2: Same as phase 1</li> <li>● Phase 3: Center Director is appointed with appropriate staff person; first two post-docs and RA's funded and</li> </ul>		

	<p>assigned one each to research groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase 4: 2 additional post-docs and RAs funded and assigned to second cohort research groups</li><li>• Phase 5: 2 additional post-docs and RAs funded and assigned to second cohort research groups</li><li>• Additional assumptions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Statistical and large data set support as well as infrastructure will result from the work of the Computational Sciences group, and be available to support the Developmental Sciences efforts</li><li>○ Over the five years from September 08 through September 13, approximately 10 faculty will be hired University-wide who will be have developmental sciences interests. These hires will come from regular College hiring plans and will not be over and above those plans.</li></ul></li></ul>		
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