Agenda
Merrill Research Retreat
The Barn, Valley Falls
June 20-22, 2007

“Future Directions for Federal Research Funding”

Wednesday, June 20

6:30 pm Opening Reception
7:30 Dinner

Welcome by Mabel Rice, Director of the Merrill Center at KU
Introduction of Participants

Thursday, June 21

7:30 am Breakfast
8:30 Welcome and introduction of the speaker
Mabel Rice

8:45-9:45 Keynote Address by James Battey, Director, National Institute of Deafness and Other
Communicative Disorders, NIH
“NIDCD and Stem Cells: Current Challenges and Future Promise”

9:45-10:30 Discussion with Moderator Mabel Rice

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:30 Panel 1: Research Administrators
Prem Paul, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Nebraska-Lincoln “Sustained
and Balanced Investment in Research & Innovation Critical to U.S. Competitiveness”
Joseph Steinmetz, Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences,
University of Kansas “The Importance of External Grant Support for a Public College
of Arts and Science”

11:30-12:00 Discussion with Moderator Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:30 Group Photo
1:30-2:30  Panel 2: Researchers
Richard J. Barohn, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Neurology, KUMC “Update on the General Clinical Research Program and the Heartland Institute for Clinical and Translational Research”
Steven F. Warren, Director, Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies, Director, Kansas Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Research Center, Professor, Applied Behavioral Science “Past as Prelude: Lessons for the Future Learned from 50 Years on the Edge”
Jordan Green, Associate Professor and the Corwin Moore Chair in Communication Disorders at University of Nebraska-Lincoln “The Natural History of a Federally Funded Researcher”

2:30-3:00  Discussion with Moderator Keith Yehle

3:00-3:15  Break

3:15-4:15  Panel 3: Research Administrators
Jim Roberts, Vice Provost for Research, KU “Industry Funding of University Research: Can it Replace Federal Funding?”
Beth A. Montelone, Assoc Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, KSU “Initiatives to Increase Faculty Competitiveness for Federal Research Funding”
Barbara Atkinson, Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center; Executive Dean, School of Medicine “The Next Frontier”

4:15-5:00  Discussion with Moderator Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett

7:00  Dinner

Friday, June 22

7:30 am  Breakfast

8:25  Opening Remarks—Mabel Rice

8:30-9:10  Panel 4: Researchers
TBA: Iowa State researcher “Title TBA”
Loretta Johnson, Assoc Prof, Division of Biology, KSU “The Emerging Field of Ecological Genomics”

9:10-9:30  Discussion with Moderator Mabel Rice

9:30-10:10  Panel 5: Research Administrators
John A. Brighton, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Iowa State University “Competitive vs. Directed (Earmarks) Funding: How to Manage/Various Agencies”
Paul Terranova, Director, Center for Reproductive Sciences, KUMC “The Status of Research at KUMC”

10:10-10:30  Discussion with Moderator Jeremy Anderson

10:30-10:45  Break
10:45-11:30  Panel 6: Research Administrators
Brian Foster, Provost, University of Missouri/Columbia “Keeping our Bearings in Very Rough Seas”
Richard Lariviere, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Kansas “Comments on Future Directions for Research”

11:30-12:00  Open Discussion with Moderator—Mabel Rice

12:00-1:00  Lunch and Departure