ECU Chapter Society for Neuroscience
Council Minutes for August 10, 2007

Present: Alex Murashov, Kori Brewer, Jian Ding, Qun Lu, Sarath Vijayakumar, Sherri Jones
Excused: Abdel Abdel-Rahman, Teresa Lever, Erik Everhart,

Item 1: Meeting called to order at 1:05pm

Item 2: Approval of Minutes
Kori moved to approve the minutes from March 6, 2007. Qun seconded. Minutes were approved.

Item 3: Old business
None

Item 4: New Business
Erik sent a note that Tuan Tran is the new neuroscience program director and requested that he be added to the neuroscience council. Alex made a motion to add Tuan Tran, Sherri seconded. Motion approved.

Item 5: Symposium Speaker
Alex Kolodkin will be the keynote speaker. Kori suggested Fifth Street Inn for lodging and will follow up on this. Alex will communicate with Dr. Kolodkin regarding diet requests, etc. Dr. Kolodkin will be on campus for 2 days. Alex will arrange a meeting schedule.

Item 6: Financial Support for Symposium
Jian reported the following:
$2000 in the bank
$2000 pledged by three department chairs and John Lehman
$1000 Grass Travel Scholarship

Item 7: Site for Symposium
Alex has secured the Willis Building on First Street. We may need poster easels. Kori will check on this. Alex will find out if we can use an outside caterer for lunch or if we must use ECU catering.

Item 8: Date and schedule for Symposium
Symposium date is November 29
Format and schedule were discussed. Format will include a morning and afternoon session devoted to a broad theme. Suggestions included: axon pathfinding, axonal growth, neural development, neural survival. Other suggestions should be emailed to Alex. Schedule was discussed and Alex will circulate options. Alex is preparing a draft announcement and call for abstracts.

Other Business
Next meeting will be Friday, September 14 at 1pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherri Jones, PhD
Secretary