Meeting of FA-5 Task Force
Tuesday, July 17th, 2012

Attendees:
Richard Niles – Chair
Darshana Shah – member
Todd Gress – member
Jennifer Plymale – member

Discussion Items:
Action plan:
• Task one: Research Directors in each clinical department have been identified. action item: send letter to research director, with copy to chair, confirming their appointment and arranging for a date to meet (task 2)
• Task three: has already been met; there is an increase beyond the 5% set point in clinical trials and there are two new investigator-initiated clinical trials and an additional one pending IRB review
• The research infrastructure is being improved with the announcement of a new pilot grant program for funding translational research studies and additional pilot funds will be made available to support medical student and resident involvement in rural health research
• Todd Gress and Darshana Shah have met with the Chairs of Family Medicine, Psychiatry and Surgery and obtained agreement to designate a faculty member to coordinate the research efforts in those departments