

## **Information Resources Committee – Progress Report, May 30, 2005**

### **Committee composition**

Bowen, Brian (Chair) – six meetings since May, 2004  
Malhotra, Arun (6)  
Rudd, Ken (3)  
Schesser, Kurt (3)  
Rambarran, Richard (4)  
Mian, A.M (3)  
Pattany, Pradip (5)  
Ashman, Margarita (3)  
Feaster, Daniel (4)  
Arroyave, Claudia (0)  
Brown, David (2)  
Vigoda, Michael (3)

Other faculty: Girish Gurnani, Richard Bookman.

**Principal speakers at IRC meetings: Steve Teitelbaum, Director of Medical Web Services, and Chris Bogue, Director of Medical Information Technology**

### **Issues addressed**

**Continuation of IRC web site:** <http://structure.med.miami.edu/irc>

This contains the IRC mission statement, current committee composition, most recent progress report to school council, UMSM departmental IT contact list, and old committee reports (thanks to Dr. Malhotra).

**Web policy:** This was the primary issue discussed by the committee in 2003 – 2004 and resulted in the formulation of a School of Medicine Web Policy Manual with guidelines for the creation of a department, center, or institute Web site hosted by the School of Medicine. The establishment of these guidelines enabled the Medical Web Services group to launch a content management system for the School of Medicine Web sites in 2004 – 2005. The IRC provided input to the Web Services group during the implementation of this off-the-shelf management system from Ingeniux.. IRC members were involved in the design of the new departmental templates for the Web site and provided feedback with respect to design, navigation, and functionality (eg, calendar, faculty database, and research interests). The new management system supports our guidelines in terms of workflow, approval process, and assignment of responsibility for site content. As a result of these advances in 2004 – 2005, the current practice is for Medical Web Services to help a department, center, or institute within the School of Medicine launch a Web site, and then provide maintenance and editing of the site using the content management system, at no charge.

**Lab pages:** At some IRC meetings in 2004 – 2005, the proposal for “lab pages” was discussed and endorsed by the committee. These are sites authored by individual faculty, usually to acquaint other scientists with the area of research of a faculty investigator and his/her laboratory. The faculty member is responsible for content and oversight, with Medical Web Services hosting the “lab page” on the School of Medicine site and providing access and domain services to the faculty member.

**Patient Portal:** This idea was discussed and considered a valuable tool for communicating with current patients and for marketing of School of Medicine strengths to potential patients. The Portal would provide functionality and support services to patients, such as bill paying, appointments, physician communications, and laboratory results. In short, the Portal would represent the consumer side of the School of Medicine Web site. During discussions with Steve Teitelbaum, the IRC was made aware that Jackson Memorial Hospital is proposing its own Patient Portal. This is potentially problematic since the existence of 2 or more Portals for patients seen by UM physicians could be confusing.

**e-Learning:** The IRC supports the initial efforts of the Medical Web Services group to promote e-Learning programs at the School of Medicine. The group is currently offering to educators a learning management system (purchased jointly by the Division of Geriatrics and the Center for Research in Medical Education) which provides for student registration, student assessment and monitoring, infrastructure, and ancillary tools for on-line course teaching. In another step toward e-Learning activities, the School of Medicine, via the Dean’s office, has paid for a 3-year subscription to Medbiquitous, which is a national organization of participating centers whose mission is to define standards for on-line medical education. Most recently, representatives from UM attended the April, 2005, national conference of Medibiquitous participants.