BCOM President J. Hummer has designated Institutional Official for Research Responsibilities to the Assistant Dean for Research (J. Benoit). The Assistant Dean for Research reports to the Dean of the College of Medicine (D. Peska) and provides oversight of the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs (ORSP). The administrative office of ORSP is staffed by an administrative coordinator (M. Enriquez). The BCOM Research Advisory Council (RAC) serves in an advisory capacity to the Assistant Dean for Research and ORSP. Two Directors are appointed from the faculty by the Assistant Dean for Research. The Director of Student Research (S. Ontiveros), is responsible for providing oversight of the Summer Medical Student Research Program and the Medical Student Research Day activities. The Director of the BioScience Research Laboratory (M. Woods) provides oversight of the operational aspects of the BioScience Research Laboratory. A Laboratory Research Scientist (K. Martinez) is responsible for operational support of the BSRL. Two compliance committees provide institutional level oversight in accordance with federal regulations and guidelines. The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) is an institutional level committee responsible for oversight of research involving recombinant DNA and biohazardous agents. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is an institutional level committee responsible for oversight of research involving human subjects. The IBC and IRB function independently of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. The I.O. for Research appoints the committee and assures that the committees are appropriately resourced and empowered.