Biostatistical Consulting Lab (BCL) Class: BIOS 516 - Policy

1) Who, When, Where
   a) Who?
      All fulltime students are required to attend. A fulltime continuous student is required to attend BCL for the first four years, but may opt out after that. A student may opt out after attending eight semesters of BCL.
   b) When?
      Class meets on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:30. Most class meetings will not take the full 90 minutes, but students should plan for the full time.
   c) Where?
      Room B1-064, unless otherwise announced.

2) Requirements: PACT
   a) Participation
      Review available materials (posted on the website or otherwise distributed) prior to class. Participate in open discussions. Make presentations.
   b) Attendance
      Students are expected to attend each class. If a student cannot attend, she/he should e-mail Dr. Johnson or Russ Boyle before the class to be missed explaining the absence.
   c) Consulting
      Students are required to be involved in consulting each semester.
      i) Students in conjunction with their advisors will submit a proposal for fulfillment of this requirement.
      ii) BCL instructors will review and approve or decline the proposal.
      iii) The BCL instructors will assist students in securing a consulting agreement.
   d) Talk
      i) Each student will make a short presentation each semester about their consulting work (10-15 minutes). First year students may be exempted during their first semester.
      ii) An in depth presentation is required each academic year. This could be an expanded talk about a consulting project, summer internship, overview of a dissertation topic, a literature review or review of a given article, etc.
Student Consulting

1) When the consulting is part of the Graduate Assistantship (GA) responsibilities:
   a) The researcher must have grant or departmental funds to compensate the Department of Biostatistics for the student’s time.
   b) These funds are used to provide for student support (stipend, tuition and fees). In most cases, the stipend is not increased.

2) When the consulting is not part of the GA responsibilities:
   a) Approval must be obtained from the advisor for the student to engage in this activity. This is to protect the student’s time.
   b) The researcher must have grant or departmental funds to compensate the student. Usually a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) will be created and the student will receive compensation by direct deposit.

3) Fees
   a) Typical BCL fees – these are negotiable
      i) Student: $60/hr
      ii) Faculty: $125/hr
   b) Fees for consulting outside the University are negotiated.

4) Hours/Support
   a) Full support
      i) 20 hours/wk
         ii) Covered expenses: $25,145 in-state
            (1) Stipend: $16,000
            (2) Tuition and fees: $9,145 in-state
   b) Partial support
      i) 10-12 hours/wk – stipend only
      ii) more or less support is pro-rated

5) Publication
   Students involved in substantive work should expect co-authorship on resulting publications. Co-authorship does not supplant financial compensation.