

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2012; 3:00 PM  
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Amber Amari, Tim Bartness, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Michael Decker, Dabney Dixon, Ashley Epperson, Miles Irving, Suri Iyer, Beth Jones, Paul Katz, Steve Manson, Ike Okosun, Mary Ann Ronski, Nan Seamans, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Monica Swahn, P.C. Tai, William Walsh, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Pam Barr, Monica Diaz, Don Edwards, Florian Enescu, Paul Gallimore, Robert Harrison, Jan Ivery, Mike Metzler, Bala Ramesh, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, Bill Robinson, Renee Schatteman, Mary Stuckey, Kris Varjas, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Carol Winkler, and Yichuan Zhao

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The October 15, 2012 minutes were approved.
2. Dean Nan Seamans briefed the committee on Open Access peer-reviewed journals. Open Access is an innovative and inexpensive way to publish and is making national attention at academic institutions and professional organizations. The library is making efforts to promote this kind of publishing for faculty, including disseminating literature on it at new faculty orientation. Dean Seamans provided her general recommendation of this publishing model. There was discussion about the funding needed for publication. She acknowledged that some publications fees have been paid by grants obtained by faculty members that allowed funds to cover such charges. She asserted that publication in open access journals should be opened to all faculty members and this proposed effort should be funded by the Provost.
3. MaryAnn Ronski reported on the Budget Committee's response to the graduate funding models report (written by the joint committee of Research and Budget). The two recommendations to add to the report are: 1) Develop a way to track stipends and the number issued and 2) Create consistent terminology to describe types of stipends and a system for tracking students' stipends and responsibilities across programs and colleges. These additions will be incorporated into the report and then the report will be submitted to the Executive Committee. Any feedback we receive will be shared with the committees.
4. Rose Sevcik discussed issues related to the holiday closure period so that we can ensure that plans are in place for researchers on campus. Rose reiterated that, in the previous year, the receipt of shipments was problematic for some faculty. Brenda Chapman indicated that plans had been made and that a memo detailing them would be sent out shortly. Rose asked the committee about additional safety concerns or issues, and the committee members responded with some concerns. Dabney Dixon spoke about chemical safety procedures and emergency signage and instructions. The need to ensure security patrols and student parking also was mentioned. Beth Jones stated that she will meet with Panther Ambassadors to plan for increased safety and patrol for students.
5. No new announcements to report.

The next meeting will be held on December 10 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.