

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2013; 3:00 PM
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Amber Amari, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Brenda Chapman, Florian Enescu, Suri Iyer, Beth Jones, Steve Manson, Mike Metzler, Ike Okosun, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Ronski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Leslie Wolf, and Yichuan Zhao

Absentees: Sarah Cook, Michael Decker, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Don Edwards, Paul Gallimore, Robert Harrison, Miles Irving, Jan Ivery, Paul Katz, Bala Ramesh, Bill Robinson, Renee Schatteman, P.C. Tai, Kris Varjas, and Carol Winkler

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The January 28, 2012 minutes were approved.
2. Rose Sevcik discussed Susan Laury turned in her resignation to GSURF Board since her role as chair of the IRB can be considered a perceived conflict of interest as the IRB undergoes external certification. Therefore, a replacement representative is needed. Mary Ann Ronski nominated Don Reitzes to the GSURF Board. The motion was made and the research committee voted to approve him to join the GSURF Board.
3. The following URSA updates were discussed:
 - a. Jim Weyhenmeyer reported on the research portfolio's first half of FY13; it is slightly over \$39 million dollars in awards. In contrast to last year, there was a fair amount of money derived from new faculty transfers. Further all departments and colleges are running ahead of their 10% metrics and this is a remarkable performance by the faculty. However the sequestration is the next factor to take in consideration and hopefully the duration is short lived.
 - b. Brenda Chapman discussed the conflict of interest form that now has an online submission process and this user friendly form can assist faculty more efficiently. Also, this online submission tool can serve as a depository for faculty information.
 - c. Jim discussed the consultants' report regarding our current grants administration structure. Overall the findings were that the current structure is not scalable and sustainable. In addition to this, it is important to build cross-functional teams that are based on customer service and teams that can facilitate key pieces of pre and post award activities. Further expansion in intellectual property can increase opportunities and competitiveness for GSU. Jim has already discussed the report with the President and Provost, and he will also share the report with the deans at the next Deans' Council meeting.
4. Rose discussed she has communicated with Larry McCallop regarding the ongoing issues with travel authorization in Panthermart. He and his team are working diligently to monitor this issue.
5. Rose announced that Ed Rigdon and Paul Katz have agreed to serve on the university's SACS Subcommittees.
6. Tim Bartness discussed salary savings as it correlates to salary derived from research

grants. The current distribution model is problematic since it is based on a 9-month calendar calculation versus a 12-month one. Further, the funds and percentage of effort spent in research, teaching and services are at risk of loss for his summer salary. He proposes to implement an account called salary and savings and this will prevent losing funds altogether from grants. Jim suggested that Georgia Tech and UGA's salary savings' models be reviewed in order to develop one for GSU. Beth Jones said she will look into the procedures and formulate mechanisms to establish an account. Additionally, Beth will arrange a meeting with Jim and Bruce Spratt and discuss how to facilitate the pieces and develop a system.

The next meeting will be held on March 25 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.