

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2013; 3:00 PM
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: J.L. Albert, Amber Amari, Keith Campbell, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Dabney Dixon, Miles Irving, Beth Jones, Paul Katz, Jaroslav Klacik, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Romski, Renee Schatteman, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, P.C. Tai, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Carol Winkler, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Michael Decker, Monica Diaz, Don Edwards, Florian Enescu, Paul Gallimore, Robert Harrison, Jan Ivery, Suri Iyer, Steve Manson, Mike Metzler, Ike Okosun, Bala Ramesh, Don Reitzes, Bill Robinson, Kris Varjas, and Yichuan Zhao

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The February 18, 2013 minutes were approved.
2. J.L. Albert discussed the IS&T strategic plan that is currently being developed and a PowerPoint presentation was provided. This review will involve an assessment that includes the campus's technology infrastructure in the areas of high-performance supercomputing, grid computing, data storage, and visualization wall. Further, the metrics will include usage and storage by faculty, staff, and students. Currently Gardner Consulting is leading this survey. J.L. asked for support from the committee to form a new advisory group that would offer guidance on these areas of IS&IT. J.L. will provide information on faculty who are using the high performance computers.
3. The following URSA updates were discussed:
 - a. Jim Weyhenmeyer gave an update on the restructuring of grants management.
 - b. The next close out on the research portfolio is March 31st, and at the next meeting, Jim will share these data.
 - c. Jim discussed the changes at the federal level for grant funding; he noted that NIH and NSF have resized and changed their funding amounts and priority scores. Jim plans to conduct town hall meetings as we gather more information on the sequester and its impact on research funding.
 - d. Jim presented a summary of Research Integrity's benchmark data and handouts were provided. The activities in the protocols of IACUC, Biosafety, IRB, and Radiation Safety have been steady for the last 18 months. Year over year, activity has gone up slightly due to the increase of existing and new faculty and award activities. Currently 2CI faculty recruitment is in its 4th year and to date 68 positions have been allocated. 2CI is scheduled to sunset in 2 years.
 - e. Monica Swahn reported that internal grants funding was increased to slightly over \$500K for the upcoming fiscal year and includes grants such as RIG, Scholarly, and Faculty Mentored.
 - f. Monica discussed conducting an assessment from previous years' internal grants funding and the final results will guide us on any changes for the future years.
 - g. Monica also announced the Research Administrators' Centennial Awards selected 3 awardees who are Kay Gilstrap, Julie Stoverink, and Pamela Willingham.
4. Paul Katz identified issues with the grant budget procedures. Currently the university's policy requires full budgets for applications with modular budgets. Jim will address

changing this procedure.

5. Mary Stuckey discussed the external funding opportunities for faculty in the Humanities including prestigious fellowships. Rose Sevcik and Monica Swahn suggested holding I workshops to target Arts and Humanities' funding.
6. Beth Jones gave an update regarding the ongoing challenges of the international travel form and is currently working with the international office to shorten it. Further, there are plans to implement a program called Concur. This program will remove most of the burdens associated to the form and it will also be a cost saving measure.

The next meeting will be held on April 29 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.