

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2014; 3:00 PM  
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Paul Alberto, Amber Amari, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Laura Fredrick, Baotong Gu, Kerry Heyward, Beth Jones, Susan Laury, Shelley Linens, Sebastian Palpa, Unil Perera, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, William Robinson, MaryAnn Ronski, Rose A. Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, William Walsh, James Weyhenmeyer and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Daniel Deocampo, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Florian Enescu, Paul Katz, Sylvia Lee, Kathryn McClymond, Laura Salazar, Lionel Scott, Jelena Subotic, Monica Swahn, P.C. Tai, Kris Varjas, Yichuan Zhao and Alan Ziobrowski

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The February 17 minutes were approved.
2. Dr. Heyward reported the travel policy was approved by the March Admin Council. A final copy was provided. In summary, this policy applies to faculty, staff and students traveling to countries under state department warning for university-related purposes. There are varying stipulations including required signatory approvals from department chairs and deans and graduate students will also require approval from an advisor. Undergraduate students are not permitted to travel to countries on the warning list. Further, the new travel system called Concur will automate the processes in completing essential forms such as travel insurance, emergency evacuation options, and workers' compensation. These are covered by the university. Those individuals who are considered traveling to their home countries are exempt from these restrictions.
3. Dr. Laury briefed the committee on the activities of the IRB and she spoke about the ongoing challenges with the new online protocol system. She stated that the URSA team is making every effort to work through each issue that arises. Several committee members described the issues that they and their colleagues have encountered, especially those surrounding amendments to long standing approved protocols. The lack of timeliness of responses from IRB reviewers and working through of several rounds of changes required of proposals also was underscored. Dr. Laury reminded the committee that there is ongoing training available including online user guides for faculty and staff to assist researchers with questions about iRIS.

Dr. Laury announced that the IRB will introduce a new review board that will be charged with expedited reviews. It is tentatively scheduled to begin its work on July 1 with the goal that reviews would be completed in less than 10 days. It is hoped that by conducting virtual committee meetings, this rapid turnaround time will be achieved. The position of a new assistant director is planned for and the assistant director will be responsible for the overarching plan and operation of this board. Dr. Laury discussed the need for faculty to accept invitations to serve as members of the IRB. A general discussion followed of the new board's role and responsibilities and differentiating it from the full board.

4. Chair Sevcik gave a status update on the draft policy related to open access publishing. Last month, members of the joint subcommittee met with Gwen Spratt to address

potential concerns related to the working document. There were no issues raised regarding the conceptual plan for faculty. The concern raised by Ms. Spratt was the use of embargo related to graduate students' theses and dissertations. Ms. Spratt has crafted the necessary terminology to incorporate into the policy, and currently Kerry Heyward is reviewing it. Once the revised policy is returned, it will be shared with you.

Dr. Stuckey stated that graduate students will need to make a decision about the embargo of their work by April 25. There is no mechanism to communicate this message to students. Dr. Ronski stated that this information could be communicated at the upcoming graduate directors' meeting and that colleges can broadcast the message to all faculty. Further, Chair Sevcik and Dr. Weyhenmeyer plan to meet with Dr. Heyward to determine the progress on the policy and determine the overall communication and dissemination plans for students.

5. Dr. Weyhenmeyer had the following update and a handout was provided:
  - a. DAR's Vivarium *Per Diem* Report show expenses and revenue versus shortfall in a 3-year period; FY11 to FY13. Due to increased research activities, there has been an increase in subsidy funded by the VP of Research's Office, and currently there is a \$1.2 million dollar shortfall. A review of other universities' rates was conducted. Several strategies are being considered to normalize these costs including increased rates and Dr. Weyhenmeyer will have a proposal to present to the committee at our next meeting.