

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2014; 3:00 PM
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Amber Amari, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Daniel Deocampo, Dabney Dixon, Laura Fredrick, Baotong Gu, Sylvia Lee, Shelley Linens, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, William Robinson, Mary Ann Ronski, Laura Salazar, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, P.C. Tai, William Walsh, and Jim Weyhenmeyer

Absentees: Monica Diaz, Florian Enescu, Paul Katz, Kathryn McClymond, Unil Perera, Lionel Scott, Jelena Subotic, Kris Varjas, Leslie Wolf, Yichuan Zhao, and Alan Ziobrowski

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The October 21, 2013 minutes were approved.
2. Dr. Chapman discussed the operations of the new iRIS system. The IRB and university researchers have experienced several technical issues that are mainly cumbersome, and that the vendor should have corrected soon. Difficulties with proposal amendments were identified by several faculty and discussed by members of the committee. Researchers who experience any issue with the system can contact the help desk directly.

Dr. Chapman stated that the laboratory safety committee is updating its safety manuals, since they have not been revised in several years. Additionally, Dr. Chapman shared a document that listed the licenses and permits renewed throughout the year.

3. Dr. Swahn delivered the following updates regarding the internal grants program:
 - a. There were 33 dissertation grant proposals received and 16 were funded; two Suttles' fellowships were awarded this year.
 - b. There were 56 research initiation grants and 13 scholarly support applications received, an increase from the previous year. A panel review will be conducted in mid-February; funds will be available for FY15.
 - c. There were 2 special initiatives rolled out this year. A handout was provided. One supports costs associated to the preparation and submissions of federal grant applications, and the other is to support travel or time for professional development projects. The dollars available are contingent upon the amount of yearend funds. Applications will be accepted until February 28th.
 - d. Dr. Swahn stated that GSU has partnered with Emory and GA Tech on a program called Healthcare Innovation Program; it offers seed grants to support multidisciplinary teams who have research in areas of healthcare and clinical innovation. Dr. Swahn announced that there were two PIs from GSU given an award earlier this month; the PIs are Drs. Jacqueline Laures-Gore and Page Anderson. There is another round of seed grant applications due May 1st.
4. Dr. Sevcik discussed the joint research-library subcommittee who drafted a policy on open access publishing; this strategic effort is to make faculty's creative and scholarly works more accessible to other researchers and public. A copy of the draft policy was provided. Dr. Stuckey described three key elements involved in this process. The first element was to create a policy and assess faculty's response to, and participation

within, it. The second part is to establish a fund provided by VPRED to support this pilot initiative. The third element is to protect the scholarly works of graduate students, i.e., theses and dissertations. Specific examples that have been encountered by students were described; in each, the students own ability to control and/or publish their work had been affected negatively. Discussion among the committee members led to the suggestion that students be able to control their work by having the university digital works set up to embargo their permanently. Thus the default setting will be an embargo that can later be amended. The committee recommended immediate action to allow a temporary permanent embargo to protect students' intellectual property and also requested that the Executive Committee fast track the action. Dr. Sevcik stated that we will continue to work on this policy to ensure that all pertinent areas are addressed at the university and college levels and that other members of the university community weigh in to the planned pilot.

5. Dr. Weyhenmeyer gave the following updates and handouts were provided:
 - a. The first quarter of FY14 new awards had a year over year increase of approximately 7.2%. The second quarter is nearly a 3.0% increase from last year's activities. We are up \$1.2 million dollars in comparison to FY13. Further, we have \$27.7 million dollars in federal awards; an uptick in this category. Overall, we are doing well as we continue to increase the amount of external awards from federal agencies and the proportion of these dollars in the funded portfolio.
 - b. Currently underway, the grants administration is reorganizing to implement the new distributed model that integrates central office and colleges. This model will delegate more authority to colleges, including submission of applications. Arts & Sciences will be the first to pilot this model and Public Health is next. By the end of this fiscal year, all colleges should have been integrated into this new structure.
 - c. Dr. Weyhenmeyer announced that there will be a town hall meeting tomorrow, and Dr. Packman's discussion will include the *new* OSPA, CayUSE424 and Research Portal/SharePoint.

6. Dr. Sevcik stated that questions have been asked about including graduate students' tuition dollars in federal grant applications. Following discussion among committee members, Dr. Weyhenmeyer concurred and stated that there are no plans to put such a requirement in place.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.