

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2014; 3:00 PM  
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Laura Fredrick, Joseph Hurley, Shelley Linens, Carrie Manning, Unil Perera, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Rowski, Lionel Scott, Rose Sevcik (Chair) and Kelly Stout

Absentees: Amber Amari, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Andy Butler, Joan Cranford, Dabney Dixon, Susanna Greer, Baotong Gu, Paul Katz, Sushil Prasad, Vincent Rehder, Don Reitzes, Laura Salazar, Bill Robinson, Anna Stewart, Mary Stuckey, Jelena Subotic, Kris Varjas, Dan Weiskopf, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Leslie Wolf, Yichuan Zhao and Alan Ziobrowski

Minutes: Rose Baldwin

1. The October 20 minutes were approved.
2. Dr. Chapman briefly delivered the following updates:
  - a. Currently pilot testing is underway with the *i*RIS-IACUC module; anticipated go-live is after the holiday break.
  - b. Expedited IRB review board continues to make good progress; reported an 84% approval rate for protocols.
  - c. Research Integrity's benchmark data summary reported steady growth in IACUC, Biosafety and Radiation Safety, and the only exception was the IRB due to closing exempted studies in the system. A handout was provided.
  - d. Reminder, *CITI* program will implement the one basic module next week Tuesday.
3. Dr. Manning raised an issue about the professional leave policy for tenured and tenure track faculty with regard to applications for prestigious fellowships. A copy from the faculty handbook was provided for the discussion. Dr. Manning stated that the current policy needs to be clarified so that faculty are incentivized to pursue such fellowships. Dr. Rowski indicated that these issues are centered in the colleges and stated that a college-level form was created in COAS to track fellowship submissions that include professional leave. Dr. Stout stated that she will check to determine the possibility of implementing a university-level form onto the research portal and she will share the outcome with committee. Chair Sevcik suggested that a form be drafted that agrees with central office and colleges.
4. Chair Sevcik delivered a brief update on the graduate students' fee waiver packages. Currently, the subcommittee of Budget Committee is validating numbers to determine feasibility of supporting such an initiative.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 15 at 3:00 PM in 522 Centennial Hall.