Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016; 3:00 PM
522 Centennial Hall

Attendees: Elaine Bryan, Otto Burianek, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Florian Enescu, Ren Flot, Laura Fredrick, Julia Hilliard, Beth Jones, Caroline Lombard, Mike Metzler, Ken Packman, Unil Perera, Ed Rigdon, Sally Robertson, Bill Robinson, MaryAnn Romski, Dennis Rose, Whitfield Samuel, Rose A. Sevcik (Chair), Bryan Sinclair, Kelly Stout, Jelena Subotic, Monica Swahn, James Weyhenmeyer, Leslie Wolf, Yusen Xia, and Ying Zhu

Absentees: Amber Amari, James Battey, Andy Butler, Dabney Dixon, Juan Galvis (SGA), Paul Katz, Lawrence Kiage, Jill Littrell, Carrie Manning, Greta Mason, Vincent Rehder, Leeanne Richardson, Rick Robertson, Mary Stuckey, Susan Swars, and Kris Varjas

Minutes: Rose Baldwin

1. The November 16, 2015 minutes were approved.

2. Dr. Chapman presented the draft policy of research misconduct. A copy was circulated. Georgia State will need to revise our ten-year-old policy in order to comply with current federal regulatory requirements and to assure the university research meets the necessary academic integrity and ethical standards. Policy and procedures apply to all faculty, staff, and students. Dr. Weyhenmeyer noted the previous policy was oriented to faculty researchers, while the proposed policy applies to faculty and administrative staff whether sponsored or non-sponsored research activities. The research committee supported moving the draft policy to the February meeting of the Admin Council for further action.

3. Dr. Chapman provided the following ORI announcements:
   a. GSU is scheduled to have several critical inspections in February. AAALAC Reaccreditation Site Visit will be from February 18 to 19, and AAHRPP Reaccreditation Site will be from February 22 to 23.
   b. ORI and Office of Graduate Programs will lead a collaborative effort to offer an IRB workshop for graduate students who need assistance with their IRB applications. The workshop is set for March 1; effort should increase efficiency in student approval turnaround time in IRB submissions.

4. Dr. Packman gave a brief overview on the new proposal routing form accessible in the Research Portal. The new process will simplify the creation, review, approval, and electronic submission of federal grant proposals and exponentially increase turnaround times associated in preparing grant applications. Another benefit is augmented reporting metrics in grant activities that were once difficult to track previously. Web-based application easily integrates with Cayuse424 and Spectrum systems.

5. Mr. Flot shared a draft Cyber Security Charter that will increase integrity, confidentiality, advising, and availability of vital information technology resources and information to the entire GSU community. Furthermore, an external review revealed that GSU is at a “low” maturity level in security when compared with the educational industry at large. A third party will conduct a comprehensive risk assessment that will examine the current state of information security (e.g. security breaches and data losses), so that to develop necessary security standards and practices for the broad and diverse community. Assessment will begin with Andrew Young School of Policy and Robinson College of Business. This report will be shared with the senate committee once available.
Dr. Stout raised concern on the issue surrounding export control. Dr. Weyhenmeyer replied the assessment will address this specific piece, as well.

6. Dr. Weyhenmeyer reported FY16 Q2 closed at $61 million dollars in total grant and contract award activities. A handout was provided. This is up ~14% from previous year. Federal segment represents 75% of total research activity while nonfederal represents 25%. The top three federal funding agencies are NIH, DoED and NSF.

7. Dr. Weyhenmeyer spoke about building capacity in collaborative research in a diverse research culture across the university campus. To do so will require guidelines and policies related to credit distribution and recognition credits for tenure-track and tenured faculty. The Provost office is currently addressing the lack of a uniform policy in the P&T space. A proposed white paper will be shared with research members once available. Chair Sevcik included information on a possible grant mechanism that will fund team science projects that address complex societal problems.

8. Chair Sevcik and Dr. Hilliard announced Dr. Tai established a student endowment in honor of the late Dr. Tim Bartness and encouraged others to consider contributing.

The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2016 at 3:00 PM in 522 Centennial Hall.