

Senate Research Committee Organizational Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2012; 3:00 PM
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Tim Bartness, Ashley Epperson, Miles Irving, Paul Katz, Steve Manson, Mike Metzler, Ed Rigdon, Bill Robinson, Mary Ann Ronski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, William Walsh, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Amber Amari, Pam Barr, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, John Decker, Michael Decker, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Don Edwards, Florian Enescu, Paul Gallimore, Vijay Ganji, Robert Harrison, Jan Ivery, Suri Iyer, Beth Jones, Ike Okosun, Bala Ramesh, Jerry Rackliffe, Don Reitzes, Renee Schatteman, Andrey Shilnikov, P.C. Tai, Kris Varjas, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Carol Winkler, and Yichuan Zhao

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The August 20, 2012 minutes were **approved** with one minor change.
2. Monica Swahn discussed the following updates within URSA:
 - a. Monica asked the members if they wanted to utilize Outlook calendar for coordinating our meetings, and all were in favor to circulate a hardcopy or email the calendar dates rather than using Outlook calendar.
 - b. The implementation of iMedRIS electronic protocol management system began today, and it is anticipated to take approximately six months to finalize. The IRB Wise system will be used until completely replaced. Furthermore, this will be followed with implementation of the Conflict of Interest and IACUC's systems.
 - c. The completion of the disclosure forms for the Conflicts of Interest and CITI training have been completed. 1,000 disclosures were received and 800 faculty and personnel have completed CITI's conflicts of training. Further, the GSU Research website has tips, FAQs and additional information to guide investigators through the entire process. Should any faculty or administrators have questions regarding the policy or process, they are encouraged to contact Brenda Chapman or Caroline Lombard.
 - d. Chematix system lost its server on Sept 5, and it is scheduled to be back online and operational today.
 - e. Research Environmental Safety's truck has been out-of-service for waste pickup for the past week; however services will be restored to normal operations this week.
 - f. The internal grants are available for application and a broadcast message was sent out. The deadline is set for January 14. As a reminder, dissertation grants are due November 16. Monica then discussed the decisions made by the members of the Internal Grants Subcommittee about the new grant changes that will be announced in 2013 and effective for 2014.
3. Rose reported on the recommendations on research priorities by the Ad Hoc Committee of Indirect Cost of Redistribution and a draft document was provided. There are a number of key prongs, with subsets, that can enhance and build upon the research infrastructure and eliminate redundancies. Rose also noted that it had been previously proposed by the senate research committee that it could be financially beneficial to create a new team grant mechanism that is assembled to pursue center and business grants. The members agreed to revise the current draft document before proceeding.

Steve Manson agreed to help refine it and he will report back to the committee.

4. Rose discussed scholarly works as it relates to open access publication. She described one mechanism where an institutional membership to selected prominent journals is purchased to allow faculty access without paying fees. Mary Ann discussed to invite the dean of libraries Nan Seaman to elaborate on the key elements and costs in operationalizing this kind of strategic effort. The members concurred.

Monica discussed purchasing open access from Hindawi Publishing for Georgia State from remaining funds. This publishing house has 300+ journals and is available to any GSU professor and student until June 2013.

5. No new announcements to report.

The next meeting will be held on October 15 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall