

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2013; 3:00 PM
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Amber Amari, Pam Barr, Cody Benson, Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Monica Diaz, Dabney Dixon, Florian Enescu, Laura Fredrick, Baotong Gu, Michael Herb, Beth Jones, Martha Koontz, Shih-Yu Sylvia Lee, Kathryn McClymond, Shelley Linens, Unil Perera, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Ronski, Laura Salazar, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Jelena Subotic, Monica Swahn, P.C. Tai, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Tim Bartness, Daniel Deocampo, Paul Gallimore, Robert Harrison, Miles Irving, Jan Ivery, Suri Iyer, Paul Katz, Steve Manson, Ike Okosun, Bala Ramesh, Bill Robinson, Renee Schatteman, Lionel Scott, Kris Varjas, Tanya Washington, Carol Winkler, Yichuan Zhao, and Alan Ziobrowski

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The March 18, 2013 minutes were approved.
2. Senate approved to nominate Rose Sevcik to continue as Chair for the new year.
3. The following URSA updates were discussed:
 - a. Jim Weyhenmeyer stated that the research website is currently transitioning from Red Dot to Word Press. This will make an incredible difference especially in building content . The website is scheduled to launch *tentatively* in early May. Martha Koontz presented a PowerPoint presentation of the new features of the website, and further, she discussed an assessment that was conducted of other universities' research websites to determine the top research themes of interests. Cody Benson said that the new website will be innovative and more distinguishable in offering more topics related to research. Should faculty have questions or would like to contribute a story, they are encouraged to contact Martha.
 - b. Jim discussed the overhaul of grants management that is forthcoming in June. The Central Office will merge OSP and RFS, and it will take approximately 18 months to fully integrate grants and contracts management across the university. This restructure will increase productivity for scholars across the institution, build scalable research activity, and increase compliance.
4. Michael Herb discussed Georgia State University's policy regarding the international travel program and it covered faculty, staff, and students. A hardcopy was provided. Also, the discussion included policies established by other academic institutions and Georgia State University's policy is fairly cumbersome in comparison. The committee members agreed to make the process more efficient. Don Reitzes recommended to create a research subcommittee with oversight of international travel and a motion was made and approved to support this proposal.

Monica Diaz discussed she has encountered issues in processing her travel. Rose Sevcik called into action an emergency taskforce committee to assist Monica in approving her request and the committee members endorsed this action.

5. Rose discussed the FACP meeting scheduled for the coming week where the discussion will include determining/prioritizing support for various categories of activities ranging from faculty-staff morale to classroom support. A handout was provided listing several suggested areas for funding. Mary Ann Ronski addressed the concern that students' costs should be reviewed for assurance of affordability. Dabney Dixon discussed faculty losses and stated a plan should be implemented to improve this area. These suggestions will be added and presented at both the Senate Executive and FACP meetings.

The next meeting will be held (if needed) on May 20 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.