

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2013; 3:00 PM
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Brenda Chapman, Sarah Cook, Daniel Deocampo, Monica Diaz, Laura Fredrick, Baotong Gu, Paul Katz, Sylvia Lee, Shelley Linens, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, William Robinson, Mary Ann Romski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Jelena Subotic, Monica Swahn, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Amber Amari, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Dabney Dixon, Florian Enescu, Kathryn McClymond, Unil Perera, Laura Salazar, Lionel Scott, P.C. Tai, Kris Varjas, Yichuan Zhao, and Alan Ziobrowski

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The September 16, 2013 minutes were approved.
2. Dr. Chapman discussed the new iRIS protocol management system delays, and noted that it is expected to be operational tomorrow.
3. The following URSA updates were discussed:
 - a. Dr. Chapman presented a summary of Research Integrity's benchmark data for the first quarter of FY14, and a new section has been added called outreach. A handout was provided. Overall, the productivity has been good with a slight increase from the previous year.
 - b. Dr. Weyhenmeyer noted that last year's grant awards closed a little over \$71 million dollars; it was a 7.5% increase from the previous fiscal year. Currently, we are up 15% this quarter from the previous year, and at the next meeting, a report will be ready for the committee's review. Additionally, in the past 2 years of the portfolio activity, FY11-FY13, the grant and contract activities increased by 27%. We will continue to work with all college deans to place Georgia State on the list of the top 200 research universities.
 - c. Dr. Weyhenmeyer reported that the expansion of the Petit Science Center will begin January 2014 and that the construction should be completed by March 2015.
 - d. Dr. Weyhenmeyer discussed President Becker's announcement that Georgia State will create a new institute called the Institute for Biomedical Sciences and the founding director will be Dr. J.D. Li. The institute will be degree granting with a graduate program and will be comprised of 14 faculty members with plans to include affiliate faculty. It is proposed to be housed on the 7th floor of Petit Science Building.
 - e. Dr. Weyhenmeyer discussed the process of reinventing IS&T, and this new structure will emphasized branding and delivery of service. It will be designed to allow the university to adapt and adopt useful technology in various parts of the university's. The search is on for its Director with an appointment expected in January 2014; essentially, this person will replace J.L. Albert, Ph.D., chief information technology officer.
4. Chair Sevcik discussed the joint library-research subcommittee that has met and discussed a broad range of issues related to scholarly publications. At the next senate research committee meeting, a document is anticipated to be ready for its review on open

access publishing and it includes the digital treatment of Georgia State's students' theses and dissertations. Dr. Stuckey stated that students have experienced several issues in publishing in open access domains and the current policy needs to be clarified in its processes and implications.

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The next meeting is scheduled for November 18 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.