

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2013; 3:00 PM  
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Amber Amari, Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Brenda Chapman, Monica Diaz, Daniel Deocampo, Florian Enescu, Gregori Faroux, Laura Fredrick, Kathryn McClymond, Ken Packman, Unil Perera, Don Reitzes, Ed Rigdon, Mary Ann Romski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Mary Stuckey, Jelena Subotic, Monica Swahn, Kris Varjas, William Walsh, Jim Weyhenmeyer, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Sarah Cook, Dabney Dixon, Baotong Gu, Paul Katz, Laura Salazar, Lionel Scott, P.C. Tai, Tanya Washington, Yichuan Zhao, and Alan Ziobrowski

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The April 29, 2013 minutes were approved.
2. Dr. Chapman discussed the new protocol management system called iRIS that will replace IRB Wise on August 30. All protocols that received a final closure more than 3 years ago will not be migrated into the system. The new system does not support Internet Explorer and requires browsers such as Firefox, Chrome, or Safari. There will be staff available to assist with questions or issues during this transition. Gregori Faroux gave a demonstration of the system and highlighted its features and differences to IRB Wise. Gregori will provide ongoing training that includes online videos and training documents.
3. Dr. Swahn reported on the internal grants subcommittee's review of the research initiation, scholarly support, faculty mentored, and dissertation grants and described the changes the subcommittee is proposing for FY15. Handouts were provided. The proposed changes merge the faculty mentored grants within the research initiation grants by offering a mentoring option. Other proposed changes include managing funds from URSA's central office, having resubmitted applications address concerns from prior years reviews, creating ongoing status reports, and greater detailing of proposal budgets. A motion was made and the research committee approved.

Dr. Varjas stated that she has experienced issues where students will not accept fellowships since their award has created problems with existing financial aid. Dr. McClymond discussed experiencing a similar situation. Dr. Weyhenmeyer stated that he will work with Vice Provost Renick's office to resolve this issue. Dr. Swahn said that she will create a document that will give specific instructions to advisors in order to avoid these problems. Typically, these funds are set up as supply accounts.

4. The following URSA updates were discussed:
  - a. Dr. Weyhenmeyer introduced Dr. Ken Packman who is the new director of grants administration. There are plans to combine OSP and RFS's names into one and an announcement will go out upon its approval.
  - b. Dr. Weyhenmeyer reported on the grant award dollars for FY13. Handouts were provided. There is an increase of 7% from the previous year. Last year, the Provost created an incentive plan for the deans to achieve a 10% increase on a year to year basis. In comparison to other research institutes in the state, Georgia State

reported positive growth in funding. We are on course for Georgia State to be a top 200 research university by 2016.

5. Chair Sevcik reviewed the emergency situation that occurred last spring related to the university's international travel policy to countries on the state department travel warning list. A subcommittee had been created to assist with the document and worked over the summer. Dr. Reitzes stated that the newly revised policy is more flexible. A handout was provided. Eventually, this policy will be incorporated within the financial documents for travel.
6. The research committee re-elected Drs. Tai, Wolf, and Reitzes as representatives to the GSURF board for the new academic year.

The next meeting will be held on September 16 at 3:00 PM in 315 Dahlberg Hall.