

Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2014; 3:00 PM  
315 Dahlberg Hall

Attendees: Pam Barr, Tim Bartness, Andy Butler, Brenda Chapman, Susanna Greer, Paul Katz, Shih-Yu Lee, Shelley Linens, Carrie Manning, Sushil Prasad, Don Reitzes, Mary Ann Ronski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Jelena Subotic, Monica Swahn, Kris Varjas, Dan Weiskopf, and Leslie Wolf

Absentees: Amber Amari, Sarah Cook, Dabney Dixon, Laura Fredrick, Baotong Gu, Joseph Hurley, Unil Perera, Vincent Rehder, Ed Rigdon, William Robinson, Laura Salazar, Lionel Scott, Anna Stewart, Mary Stuckey, Jim Weyhenmeyer, Yichuan Zhao, and Alan Ziobrowski

Minutes: Rose Williams

1. The March minutes were approved.
2. The research committee approved Dr. Rose Sevcik as Chair for the new academic year.
3. Dr. Swahn reported that the internal grants subcommittee approved new policy changes for the research initiation and scholarly support grants for the next academic year. Handouts were provided. Changes include descriptive conceptual points, written timelines, and utilization of the research portal for submission of grant proposals and management of awards. The research committee approved the policy with friendly amendments.
4. Chair Sevcik gave a status update regarding the final draft on the open access publishing policy, and it has been reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee and Deans Council. Due to the pressing April deadline for theses and dissertations for spring graduation, decisions needed to be made regarding students' options to embargo their scholarly works. The next step is for colleges to develop their communication and dissemination plans of this information for students and faculty.
5. The following URSA updates were given:
  - a. Dr. Swahn announced she will be stepping down as AVP for Research and returning to the School of Public Health as professor. A search committee will be launched soon.
  - b. Dr. Chapman discussed the following updates:
    - Dr. Laury, Chair of the IRB, is finalizing its candidate search for a new assistant director for the expedited review board; a person should be hired shortly.
    - The *iRIS* system had additional modifications made to it. Upon the completion of these changes, the IACUC module is scheduled for rollout with the go-live date set for September.
6. Dr. Bartness stated he is anticipating the proposal on the new animal care rates.

Dr. Ronski discussed the new approval for Georgia State to apply for grants under Titles III (low income and minority students) and V (Hispanic students) from participating federal agencies; it can increase grant funding opportunities for Georgia State. Dr. Swahn commented that she will meet with Dr. Stout to strategize a dissemination plan for these new funding opportunities for faculty.

The next meeting will be in August.