Attendees: Andrew Butler, Laura Carscaddon, Brenda Chapman, Geert de Vries, Andrew Gewirtz, Lindsey Hornsby, Nadine Kabengi, Candace Kemp, JD Li, Donna Little, Anne Murphy, Martin Norgaard, Unil Perera, Ed Rigdon, Sally Robertson, Maryann Romski, Rose A. Sevcik (Chair), Susan Snyder, Kelly Stout, Jelena Subotic, Jack Williams, Brett Wong, Aleksandr Zelikovskiy, and Yali Zhao

Absentees: Lisa Marie Casanova, Elena Del Rio Parra, Dabney Dixon, Jacob English, Julia Hilliard, Ken Johnson, Tony Lemieux, Abhay Mishra, Remus Osan, Vincent Rehder, Bill Robinson, Erin Ruel, Duane Truex, Kris Varjas, Antrell Vining, Elizabeth West, and James Weyhenmeyer

Minutes: Rose Baldwin

1. The December 11, 2017 minutes were approved.

2. Dr. Chapman provided several updates from the Office of Research Integrity:
   a. DHHS announced that the effective date on the amendments made to the Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects has been delayed until July 19, 2018.
   b. All domestic sites of NIH-funded grant applications with multi-site studies will use a single IRB (sIRB) effective January 25. The GSU IRB has identified an outside independent, commercial IRB called ADVARRA to whom all IRB applications under this type will be outsourced; a handout was provided.
   c. A brief update was provided on the new upgrades made to the iRIS system.

3. Dr. Stout briefly reported on the preliminary results for the annual internal grant competition for FY19 Research Initiation and Scholarly Support grant mechanisms. A handout was distributed. A total of 37 Research Initiation Grant (with Mentor Option) and 17 Scholarly Support Grant applications were received in this round. This is a slight decrease from previous fiscal year. The internal grant panel review is scheduled for March tentatively and award notices are anticipated to be provided by May.

4. Dr. Stout announced there will be several new workshop trainings introduced this spring semester that specifically focuses on writing a winning NIH R01 grant application (with senior faculty panel review); other major federal agencies like NSF and DoE will be proposed at some point. In addition, her office is piloting a new initiative that offers narrative editing services and basic proposal support and encourages senior faculty to give consideration of the possibility of partnership in this strategic effort.

5. Dr. Stout announced that the NSF Career workshop is planned for February 6 where Dr. Suri Iyer will lead this informational session about best practices in developing and submitting a career award. Dr. Stout, also shared a concern on the drop on attendance in recent years and she welcomed any suggestion from research members. Dr. de Vries added a comment that departments throughout the campus can possibly share best practices about grant-writing support and techniques.

6. Dr. Li delivered a presentation on the progress of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences, a multidisciplinary research and education institute dedicated to advancing biomedical research in human health and education and training. Established in 2014, the Institute has grown its extramural research portfolio to $20.6 million in total grant and contract activities and plans to add to the grant awards significantly in the coming years. The Institute’s biomedical science program (comprised of 4 centers) generates ground-breaking basic and preclinical research (i.e. Ebola, inflammatory and cardiovascular diseases); comprehensive academic education for...
undergraduate and graduate students; impactful training of biomedical careers for postdoctoral associates, junior scientists, and preclinical health professionals; and, collaborate on prestigious research projects between the Institute and other research institutions, major medical centers, and private industry companies. Most importantly, the Institute aims to promote Georgia State's reputation as a national recognizable leader in the scientific fields of biomedical research. The PPT presentation is available upon request.

7. Dr. Li announced he has been appointed by NIH Director Collins to serve on the NIH Council of Councils (comprised of 27 councils of institutes and centers).

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM in Room 365 of the 58 Edgewood Avenue Building.