Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2017; 3:00 PM  
365 Edgewood Avenue

Attendees: Andrew Butler, Laura Carscaddon, Lisa Marie Casanova, Brenda Chapman, Geert de Vries, Jacob English, Chris Goode, Nadine Kabengi, Tony Lemieux, Martin Norgaard, Unil Perera, Vincent Rehder, Ed Rigdon, Sally Robertson, Maryann Romski, Rose A. Sevcik (Chair), Kelly Stout, Jelena Subotic, Duane Truex, Binghe Wang, James Weyhenmeyer, Jack Williams, and Yali Zhao

Absentees: Elaine Bryan, Elena Del Rio Parra, Dabney Dixon, Andrew Gewirtz, Julia Hilliard, Jan Ivery, Ken Johnson, Candace Kemp, Abhay Mishra, Anne Murphy, Remus Osan, Bill Robinson, Erin Ruel, Kris Varjas, Antrell Vining, Elizabeth West, Brett Wong, and Aleksandr Zelikovskiy

Minutes: Rose Baldwin

1. The September 18, 2017 minutes were approved.

2. Dr. Chapman provided several updates from the Office of Research Integrity:
   a. All disclosures on significant financial interest were completed by deadline.
   b. The US Dept. of Health and Human Services delayed the effective date on the amended federal regulatory policy for the protection of human subjects (also known as “the Common Rule”). Any new updates will be shared with the research committee.
   c. The new NIH policy for single IRBs for NIH sponsored multi-site research project will be effective January 2018.

3. Dr. Goode made a presentation on Maker Faire that is a collaborative venue for individuals or teams to create, invent or “make” just about anything. “Maker” spaces draw together people from all walks of life with all kinds of skills and knowledge from tech enthusiasts to crafters to agricultural entrepreneurs. The organization is financially supported through fundraising efforts through the community, kick-start campaigns, and businesses. GSU has their own innovative “maker” space called GSU ExLab; examples of current, diverse projects include 3D prototyping, robotics, textiles, and design thinking. He announced that the annual convention entitled Maker Faire Atlanta is scheduled for Sunday, October 22 in the historic Georgia Freight Depot. Anyone who wants more information is welcomed to email him.

4. Dr. Weyhenmeyer summarized OVPR’s activities:
   a. The first quarter of FY18 brought $61 million in total grant and contract award activities. Additionally, a brief update was provided on the national federal budget outlook.
   b. His office continues to assess ways to further improve faculty support via new digital tools while lessening faculty's workloads.
   c. A general mention was made of upcoming plans to some changes in the Office of Technology Licensing & Commercialization.
   d. An update was provided on the GSU Animal Per Diem Policy proposal.

5. Chair Sevcik revisited the discussion related to the proposed idea to charge graduate students’ tuition readmission fees on federal grants. The committee members had a general discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of making this change; however they requested reports on other universities’ activities prior to determining next steps.

The next meeting will be held on November 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM in Room 365 of the 58 Edgewood Avenue Building.