

**Research Council
Minutes
October 23, 2006
2-4 PM
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Attendees:
Mary Ann Burg
Saeed Khan
Ken Gerhardt
Rick Yost
Pete Hansen
Mark Orazem
Tom Walsh

Guests:
Mike McKee
Larry Reece
Hannah Covert
Karen Bjorndal
Sobha Jaishankar
Stan Smith
Barbara Whitehouse

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Mike McKee updated the council on the effort reporting audit. The use of the faculty assignment report will not satisfy the requirements for the government. The short term solution will be to send each department an electronic format of the report, have the department identify the effort percentages, and then have the reports certified and authorized. The certifier will either be the faculty member or the PI. The certification process will consist of signing a certification statement on the form. There are 66 departments on campus which make up 80 percent of the research. The issue will be brought back in December for another update.

The council discussed the review process for UF Centers and Institutes. Procedures state that centers and institutes must file an annual report with the Board of Governors. An annual evaluation process of 30 centers and institutes begins in January and ends in March/April. The state evaluates centers and institutes every three years.

There is currently not a policy for sun setting centers; which is a concern for the Senate.

Mary Ann Burg will speak with Angel Kwolek-Folland, associate dean for centers and institutes in CLAS about the issue.

Dr. Burg will draft recommendations to forward to the council for review and edit and then forward the final proposals to Win Phillips.

No new business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM