

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship  
Minutes  
November 13, 2007  
9-11 AM  
346 Reitz Union

**Attendees:**

Jacob Chung  
Saeed Khan  
Scott Nygren  
Ryan O'mara  
William Buhi  
William Properzio  
Ken Gerhardt  
Tom Walsh  
Rick Yost

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Tom Walsh discussed overhead costs and stated that the goal of the distribution is to be consistent across campus.

**Faculty Development and Sabbaticals**

The council discussed faculty development and sabbatical policies across campus. Dr. Khan noted that it seems that all of the colleges have a policy but that perhaps opportunities have not been granted even though the faculty handbook says that they are supposed to be given.

The council will work on developing some general guidelines on faculty development for colleges to follow. The council will follow up with colleges to ensure that they have developed policies within one year of the approval of the guidelines. The council agreed that a funding source should be applied to the policies.

The council discussed the possibility of working with the budget council on professional development. Rick Yost will try to determine why the provost's office stopped funding sabbaticals in 2004.

The council will obtain input from the college assemblies when the policy is being drafted. The council will also get the numbers of eligible faculty and the formula for determining the numbers from Debra Walker King's office. Additionally, the council will look at other college's policies. All qualified faculty with a legitimate project are eligible to apply and be approved.

Colleges need a process for accountability and should perhaps create a system where a faculty member could be placed on the funding list for future years if they are denied when they initially apply.

The meeting adjourned at 11 AM.