

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship
Minutes
January 8, 2008
10 AM-12 PM
284 Reitz Union

Attendees

Mary Ann Burg
Jacob Chung
Henry Frierson
Saeed Khan
Tom Walsh
Ryan O'mara

Bernie Machen
Paul Mueller
Ruth Steiner
Ken Boote
Abraham Hartzema
William Properzio

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM

Discussion of sabbatical and professional development programs at the college level

The council discussed sabbatical and professional development programs with the President. Dr. Machen stated that the university should invest in the faculty because the faculty are the university's most valuable resource. He stated that he is looking for new ideas because the traditional sabbatical system does not seem to provide adequate support.

The council is concerned about the lack of transparency in the current programs. The council also noted that colleges with heavy teaching responsibilities seem to have more difficulty in finding funding for sabbaticals than colleges that are more research focused.

The council will draft a university wide policy and ask that unit level policies be developed in accordance with the university wide policy. The unit level policies will help each unit to make funding decisions based on the unit's culture. The council also feels that informal programs should be encouraged.

Dr. Machen will provide the council with the number of tenure track faculty members who would be eligible for a sabbatical based on the seven year model. He will also tell the committee how much money the university could put into a sabbatical program to supplement the college's sabbatical funding.

Dean Frierson will discuss sabbaticals with the Deans.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM