

Council on Academic Research & Scholarship

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Dental Tower, Room D6-17

Attendees:

Mary Ann Burg
Saeed Khan, Chair
Karen Parker
Charles Smith

Absent:

Jim Rodrigue

The following topics were discussed:

Mission Statement:

Mission statement written by Karen Parker was discussed. It was agreed that the mission of the Council on Research and Scholarship should be:

- To establish, in collaboration with the Senate and the President of the University of Florida, policies and procedures for research and scholarship;
- To coordinate the work of the University and Senate Committees that contribute to the research and scholarship activities of the campus community, and;
- To evaluate new University-wide research and scholarship initiatives and strategies.

Our goal is to achieve standards of excellence in research and scholarship and to promote services essential to that goal for a top-tier public research university. We believe our charge to include acting as a conduit between the Faculty Senate and various University committees related to the missions of Research and Scholarship and to assist the Senate in evaluating new University-wide research and scholarship initiatives.

Definition of Scholarship:

What is scholarship and how can it be promoted?

This issue was discussed in some detail. No clear-cut definition of scholarship came to mind. All of us know what it is but can not put it into specific words. Issue of sabbatical leave was however brought up as a means of promotion of scholarship as well as research.

Actions:

1. Karen Parker will rewrite the Mission Statement.
2. Mary Ann Burg will look into the issue of Scholarship and Sabbatical Leave.

Minutes Submitted by Saeed Khan, Chair