

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship
Minutes
September 25, 2009
9-11 A.M.
283 Reitz Union

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM

Attendees:

Jacob Chung
Robert Cook
Henry Frierson
Bill Lindberg
Henrietta Logan
Debra Murie
Scott Nygren
Win Phillips
Paul Mueller
Pete Hanson

The minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting were approved.

Henrietta Logan provided a report of the summer RPC meetings and the summer Steering Committee meetings. The RPC met with Dr. Guzick to discuss research expectations for the HSC faculty and the need to invest in faculty.

The council discussed the proposed Graduate Student Bill of Rights. Dean Frierson explained that this had been referred to the council by a faculty committee at the Graduate School, after having been initiated two years ago by graduate student council. The council was generally supportive of graduate student concerns, but had a number of questions about the document, including:

How does the proposed bill relate to the graduate student contract and the graduate students united statements?
Do other universities have a similar document?
Who is currently proposing the document and referring it to SCoRS?
What conditions led to the creation of the document, and is this the best solution to address such issues?
How do departments, advisors and advisory committees affect these conditions, and are students informed about the structure of the University and the role of different administrative levels within it?
Should any such document contain administrative procedures to facilitate the listed rights?

The council requested that the Graduate Council review the document before the council reviews it. Amelia Bell will determine if the graduate student council and the GSU have seen the proposal. The council then voted to table the item unless it can be presented by a representative who could speak on its behalf.

The council discussed Responsibility Center Management (RCM) and its potential impact on research with Win Phillips. Phillips suggested that the council look into what the entrepreneurship model of RCM means for revenue generation. For example: what happens if a faculty member raises \$100- how much of that goes back to the faculty member? The council should also consider how RCM decisions affect 9 month and 12 month faculty differently.

The council agreed to monitor the shadow year of RCM and coordinate with the budget council to provide recommendations on how to implement RCM effectively. SCORS would like to know how RCM considers time taken to generate funds and concerns regarding double taxation in RCM. The council also discussed what determines programmatic value as the university works with continued budget reductions.

The council agreed to invite Matt Fajack to talk about RCM and how to proceed this year in monitoring the trial year and improving implementation.

The council discussed the Agenda for 2009-10. The council will follow up with Bill Properzio regarding laboratory safety. A conclusion is needed from EHS.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM