

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship
Minutes
September 18, 2008
10:30-12:30 P.M.
285 Reitz Union

Attendees:

Jacob Chung
Ken Gerhardt
Scott Nygren
Tom Walsh
Ken Boote
Bill Kem
Peter Hansen
Henrietta Logan

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 AM

The council discussed planning for the coming year and council priorities.

1. Simplify Conflict of interest policies

Have University provide more standardized procedures, try to encourage entrepreneurial behavior

2. Follow up on new sabbatical policy (towards the end of the term) Amelia Bell will ensure that all councils are aware of the sabbatical policy and need to create a committee within each unit by contacting the college councils.

The council discussed the FEO document. The council had questions regarding frequency and departmental regulation. The Welfare council is also reviewing the issue and SCoRS will be invited to the Welfare Council meeting to discuss the issue.

3. The council discussed Information Technology policies in terms of which are helping and which are inhibiting research activities. The council agreed that some IT policies make it difficult to share data within units to coordinate interdisciplinary research. The council will determine the problems and issues.

4. The council would like to have a general discussion on how the university can enhance research and scholarship by enhancing interdisciplinary research, providing incentives, scholarship, and intellectual property.

Suggested Items from Council Chair

1) Measure of quality of research

- 2) Discuss method of improving research-collaboration on and off campus-research dollars are declining, how to promote collaboration how to share limited resources. Issues about intellectual property and publication rights.
- 3) Faculty input on proposals for Institutes and research structures
- 4) Simplify policies for compliance
- 5) Chung will ask for clarification from Frank Bova regarding conflict of interest and information technology.

Response to Senate Chair's request on IDC policy at UF Medicine in Jacksonville

The council discussed the IDC resolution passed in 2006 and how it applies to the COM Jacksonville letter. The council strongly supports the actions of the council in 2006 and would like to see the policy recommendations followed. The council will obtain clarification that these funds were IDC Funds. Chung will write letter on behalf of council and ask Frank Bova to discuss this issue at the October Senate meeting, if the policy was not followed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM