

Research and Scholarship Policy Council
Minutes
Senate Workday August 25, 2005
2:00-2:50 P.M.
285 Reitz Union

Dr. Khan called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

Welcome

Saeed Khan, Chair

Updates

▪ **Sponsored Research**

Tom Walsh

Tom Walsh reported that this fall that the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) Faculty Subcommittee on Administrative Burden will administer a web-based survey to explore the impact of recent changes in federal regulations on the time faculty spend pursuing active research. Results of the survey will be used to make recommendations to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for streamlining research administrative burden without reducing research accountability and regulation compliance. Mr. Walsh wanted the Council's opinion about participation of UF research faculty in this survey.

Action: It was decided that involvement in such a survey will be helpful and we should encourage our faculty to do so.

Mr. Walsh also talked about the NIH's "Request for Information on the Plan to Recognize Multiple Principal Investigators." It was indicated that all members of the faculty with NIH grants have received this notice from the NIH. The council thinks that this is a good idea.

▪ **Graduate Education**

Ken Gerhardt

Dr. Gerhardt talked about two issues that the Graduate School is facing this year.

Interdisciplinary programs- Dr. Gerhardt talked about the current discussions of Recognition of Multiple Colleges partnering to develop Interdisciplinary Programs.

National Research Council survey-The NRC is releasing an evaluation and survey of graduate programs and the importance of such evaluations and rankings. These surveys are conducted every 10 years. The last survey was conducted in 1995.

Action: Once the information about the NRC taxonomy and survey are collected Dr. Gerhardt will contact the Council and the graduate faculty.

Attendees:

Saeed Kahn

Richard Yost

Mary Ann Burg

Karen Bjorndal

Minutes submitted by Saeed Khan