University Research Council
February 21, 2012
(Approved March 20, 2012)

PRESENT: Edelma Huntley, Holly Hirst, Pollyanne Frantz, Charna Howson, Susan McCracken, Julie Taubman, Alan Utter, Joseph Cazier, Bill Bauldry, Denise Martz, David Dickinson, Les Bolt, Lynn Gregory, Ray Miller, Amy Roberts, Christine Leist, Karla Rusch, Anne Fanatico, Amauri Serra

EXCUSED: John Pine, Ged Moody, Susan Staub, Lisa Suggs, Tracy Goodson-Espy

ABSENT: Kellie Reed-Ashcraft, Scott Collier, Eva Gonzales

GUESTS: Shari Galiardi, Todd Mortensen

• Edelma Huntley calls the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from the January 24, 2012 meeting (Ray Miller). Second (Denise Martz). No opposition. Motion passes.

CBR – SHARI GALIARDI & TODD MORTENSEN

• Shari introduces Community Based Research (CBR) by sharing Shea Tuberty's success story.
  o Over the past 20 years, Tuberty and his classes have researched the feminization of local fish caused by discarded expired medications.
  o As a result of class findings, Operation Medicine Cabinet (OMC) was formed to help prevent medicine entering the watershed.
  o Includes 35 community partners.

• CBR is:
  o A collaborative effort between academic researchers and community members.
  o Validates multiple sources of knowledge, methods of discovery/dissemination.
  o Goal is social action and change for social justice.

• Core components:
  o Starts with community need.
  o Match made between course goals and research question.
  o Build in as much collaboration as possible/desired.
  o Report results back to community.

• CBR is NOT:
  o Research ON the community.
  o Biased/inaccurate.
  o Driven by one agenda.

• Researchers may be required to go through the IRB process.

• CBR Resources:
  o Office of Student Research.
  o Match-making sessions with faculty and community partners.
Some funding available through University College and Student Development.

- Compared to sister institutions, ASU lacks funding.
- URC members are encouraged to talk with colleagues to determine research interests and contact Todd to help set up partnerships.

**OLD BUSINESS – RESEARCH COUNTING TOWARDS PROMOTION & TENURE**

- URC can recommend that colleges consider research as a valuable and scholarly endeavor while revising promotion and tenure criteria documents.
- URC statement should not be too specific because of variations between disciplines and departments.
  - Statement of principle.
- Need to make a distinction between “research” and “grants”.
  - A lot of grants are intended to support the instructional mission, not necessarily increase field of research.
- Subcommittee to work on statement to vote on at the March URC meeting:
  - Lynn Gregory, Denise Martz, and Karla Rusch.
- Following URC approval, the resolution will go to the Deans’ Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A Research Committee Open House will be held on February 27th in 421 BLIC.
- Scott Collier will be the speaker at March’s First Friday presentation.
- Holly Hirst is chair of the search committee for a Chief Information Officer.
  - Members are encouraged to keep an eye on the website [http://ciosearch.appstate.edu](http://ciosearch.appstate.edu) for updates.
- Office of Student Research is accepting abstracts for the Student Research Celebration.
  - Deadline is March 21st.
  - Celebration day is April 19th.
- Graduate Council is discussing criteria for prioritizing graduate programs at the request of the Provost.
  - Faculty Senate also looking into this.
  - Best if ASU can prioritize and trim programs before GA does.
  - Are there any attempts to create new programs?
    - Must prove up front that program can be sustained without state funding.
    - PSM programs are a good example because of industry partnerships and demand.
- An International Research working group has been established to work on policies and procedures.
  - URC is represented on the committee.
  - Edelma Huntley shares an example of a non-American researcher bring mites from Mexico to campus. Suspect situations like this come up often and Edelma and Julie’s office cannot keep tabs on it all.
- An ASuLearn site will be available to review spring 2012 URC proposals.
  - Should resolve the access issues reviewers faced in the fall.
• Review panels are encouraged to meet prior to March 9th deadline to tweak Lynn’s review rubric.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
Initiatives:

- Doctoral student Chrissy Tillery is interning in GRS this semester. She is available on most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to assist faculty, staff and graduate students with experimental design, statistical analysis, and program evaluation and assessment.
- Amy Love is the new Staff Senate representative for the Cratis D. Williams Graduate School and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Events:

- “Securing Grants to Support Scholarship” workshop co-hosted by the Hubbard Center with Frantz and Love presenting (Jan. 27 / 8 participants)
- “First Fridays: Music Therapy” featuring Dr. Cathy McKinney, Hayes School of Music (Feb. 3 / 10)
- “Finding and Evaluating Funding Opportunities” workshops for Graduate Research Associate Mentoring graduate students (Love) (Feb. 22 & 24 / 9 participants)
- “Open House Meeting for Research Committees” (Feb. 27)
- Reich College of Education Professional Development Drive Thru Expo (Feb. 17).

Other Activities:

- Faculty consultations/meetings:
  - Frantz: 11
  - Love: 4
- Limited submission internal competitions conducted:
  - RGK Foundation (currently open)
  - National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grants (currently open)
- “Proposal Development Workshop for Faculty” featuring Lucy Deckard of Academic Research Funding Strategies, LLC (UNC Charlotte / Frantz attended).
Upcoming Events:

For a complete listing of events, see http://www.orsp.appstate.edu/events/index.html.

- “First Fridays: Exercise and Cardiovascular Health” featuring Dr. Scott Collier (HLES) and graduate research assistant Chelsea Curry (Mar. 2)
- “GRC FY12 Budget Overview: Comprehensive Look at Federal Spending for Research and Sponsored Programs” (Mar. 8)
- “New Faculty and Researcher workshop” (Mar. 9)
- “The Institute of Education Sciences: Funding Opportunities and Research Designs” (Mar. 22)
- “Making Progress on Your Research Agenda” co-sponsored by Hubbard Programs for Faculty Excellence” (Mar. 27)
- “First Fridays: Medical Speech Pathology” featuring Dr. Heather Clark, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (April 6)
- “Research Café: Compassion Comes to the Table” featuring Dr. Christopher Osmond, Department of Leadership and Educational Studies (April 3)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Regional Grant Application workshop (April 5)
- North Carolina Biotechnology Center Grant Proposal Writing workshop (May 17)
- Faculty Learning Community: Grant Proposal Writing (summer TBA).
Upcoming Presentations / Events

- RP Staff will visit Dr. Waryold’s class to discuss the IRB
- Julie Taubman, Export Controls, 3/28, 2:00-2:50
- Julie Taubman, Responsible Conduct of Research for CHE 3000, 4/6

Items of Note

- Following a meeting with Registrar Andrea Wawrusin, RP staff will revise the exempt IRB application to address FERPA issues in educational research that involves accessing educational records.
- Julie Taubman will work with Dr. Tony Carey to draft a policy on external requests to recruit participants for human subject research at Appalachian.
- The IP Council met in February to discuss an IP disclosure.
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) policy is being reviewed by General Counsel

Past Events

- Robin Tyndall held a “Navigating the IRB” workshop on 2/14 with the Hubbard Center (9 faculty and graduate students attended)
- Robin Tyndall visited Dr. Keefe’s class on 1/30 and Dr. Yang’s class on 2/2 to discuss the IRB review process. Julie Taubman visited Dr. Lillian’s class on 2/23 to discuss the IRB.
- Julie Taubman visited the Biology faculty departmental meeting on 1/24 to discuss the IBC and IACUC processes.