UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL
MINUTES
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Present: William Baker, Becki Battista, Karen Caldwell, Pollyanne Frantz, Charna Howson, Alecia Jackson, Christine Leist, Gary McCullough, Ged Moody, Jeff Ramsdell, Gwen Robbins-Schug, Amy Roberts, Karla Rusch, Susan Staub, Johnny Waters, Alan Utter, Robin Tyndall, Chris Yang

Excused: Susan Doll, Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce, John Pine, Betsy Williams

Absent: Susan McCracken

Guests: Kate Hoffman, Administrative Support Specialist, Research Administration, and Amy Love, Assistant Director, Grants Resources & Services

Meeting was called to order by Alan Utter. The April 2014 minutes were approved with corrections.

Alan Utter urged members to call or email him with any concerns. An external IRB consultant reviewed ASU’s IRB processes and issued a report. Alan said he will share a summary with campus that includes action items. The Facilities and Administrative Cost Policy is now posted in ASU’s Policy Manual. The University Statistician and the Director of Research Protections position applications are currently being reviewed by the search committees.

Alan is piloting a project called Faculty Reassigned Time for Proposal Development (FRT). Since a major burden is placed on the chairs in finding replacement faculty and generating the lost FTEs, he is working with department chairs to assist in finding a suitable process for funding faculty research release time. Many chairs have embraced the program. The proposals must be approved by the chair and the dean. Four proposals have been accepted for this semester. Next semester Alan hopes to fund five to ten proposals. Awards are currently $3,400.

ASU’s 32% F&A indirect cost rate is the lowest in the UNC system. The next indirect rate review will be due in January 2016.

Jim Pivarnik, Michigan State’s Research Integrity Officer, and Suzanne Wilkison, President of North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research were recent guest speakers on campus.

Provost Gonzalez, at Chancellor Everts’s request, established a taskforce to study uses for the Broyhill property, such as an innovation campus or research park.

Pollyanne Frantz presented a PowerPoint presentation about previously approved changes to the URC guidelines and application. Current guidelines are embedded with the online application form.

Becki Battista presented and requested feedback on a draft rubric. URC members were asked to share the draft rubric with their constituents and bring that feedback to the October 21, 2014 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.