UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 15, 2014
Approved September 23, 2014


Excused: Tracy Goodson-Espy, Kim Hall, Todd McElroy, Gwen Robbins-Schug

Absent: Randy Gonzalez, Kim Hall, 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 February and March minutes were approved.

Spring 2014 URC Awards

Discussion

Several budgets and travel estimates were incomplete or incorrect. There was a suggestion to define a procedure where one committee feels that the proposal is a better fit for a different committee. The letter of support was crucial in determining the merit of the proposal. Funding may be contingent upon IRB approval.

A motion for approval of twenty two proposals totaling $46,825 was approved by Betsy and seconded by Cindy. The proposals were approved with one abstention. Motion passed.

Announcements

Grant Resources Services - Monthly reports are posted. Seed Grants are at end of month. AWS event is on April 25th.

Sponsored Programs – The final Conflict of Interest presentation The roll out of electronic process will be July 1, 2014. Training will be scheduled after going live.

Research Protections - IRB electronic submission (similar look to AGrants) will roll out in September 2014.

Alan Utter announced that new elections will be held for members who have fulfilled their terms (Les Bolt & Christine Leist). Also, Alan will present the F&A Policy to Dean’s Council at end of month and then it will be presented to the Chancellor’s Cabinet if it is to be placed in ASU Policy Manual. A faculty course buy-out policy is to be looked at over the summer and be presented to URC members in fall.
ASU’s Strategic Plan is approved by Board of Trustees. Within it the goal for external funding is fifteen million dollars by 2019. The key is how to make the process easier and more attractive for faculty. Please contact Alan to meet and discuss ideas. Alan is currently investigating reassigning faculty’s time.

A comment is raised that reimbursement of actual travel costs is helpful as the state per diem rarely cover the costs incurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.