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.
  - Over the past 20 years, Tuberty and his classes have researched the feminization of local fish caused by discarded expired medications.
  - As a result of class findings, Operation Medicine Cabinet (OMC) was formed to help prevent medicine entering the watershed.
  - Includes 35 community partners.

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

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

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

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

- CBR Resources:
  - Office of Student Research.
  - 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.
  o Statement of principle.
• Need to make a distinction between “research” and “grants”.
  o 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:
  o 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.
  o Members are encouraged to keep an eye on the website (http://ciosearch.appstate.edu) for updates.
• Office of Student Research is accepting abstracts for the Student Research Celebration.
  o Deadline is March 21st.
  o Celebration day is April 19th.
• Graduate Council is discussing criteria for prioritizing graduate programs at the request of the Provost.
  o Faculty Senate also looking into this.
  o Best if ASU can prioritize and trim programs before GA does.
  o 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.
  o URC is represented on the committee.
  o 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.
  o Should resolve the access issues reviewers faced in the fall.
• Review panels are encouraged to meet prior to March 9th deadline to tweek Lynn’s review rubric.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
Initiatives:

- Faculty profiles for two departments, Health, Leisure and Exercise Science and Physics and Astronomy, went live in REACH NC on Jan. 9, 2012. Amy Love is compiling an updated personnel file so that profiles for new faculty can be generated.
- The URC grant application materials have been modified to enhance the application process (guidelines and application instructions have been combined into one file and additional signature lines have been added to cover page).
- Applications are being accepted for the Grant Proposal Development Fellowship and Microgrants programs. Next deadline for proposals: 12 p.m. Feb. 17, 2012.
- 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.

Events:

- “Securing Grants to Support Scholarship” workshop co-hosted by the Hubbard Center with Frantz and Love presenting (Jan. 27 / 8 participants).

Other Activities:

- Faculty consultations/meetings:
  - Frantz: 3
  - Love: 2

- Limited submission internal competitions conducted:
  - South Arts (formerly Southern Arts Federation)
  - National Endowment for the Arts “Grants for Arts Projects”
Upcoming Events:

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

- “First Fridays: Music Therapy” featuring Dr. Cathy McKinney, Hayes School of Music (Feb. 3)
- “Open House Meeting for Research Committees” (Feb. 27)
- “First Fridays: Exercise and Cardiovascular Health” featuring Dr. Scott Collier and graduate assistant Chelsea Curry from the Department of Health, Leisure and Exercise Science (Mar. 2)
- “New Faculty and Researcher workshop” (Mar. 9)
- “Making Progress on Your Research Agenda” (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).
Past Events
- 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 the Biology faculty departmental meeting on 1/24 to discuss the IBC and IACUC processes

Items of Note
- Ongoing IRB projects continue:
  - developing SOPs
  - guidance on topics of interest
  - working with Academic Affairs on a policy for external requests to use Appalachian digital resources (e.g., faculty listserv) for research purposes
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) policy is being reviewed by General Counsel

Upcoming Presentations / Events
- Robin Tyndall, Navigating the IRB Process Workshop, 2/14, 2:00-3:30
- Research Committee Open House, 2/28, 3:00 – 5:00 in 421 BLIC
- Julie Taubman, Export Controls, 3/28, 2:00-2:50
- Julie Taubman, Responsible Conduct of Research for CHE 3000, 4/6
Items of Note

- Office closings:
  - Sponsored Programs and Special Funds Accounting will close February 20th and 29th for a joint retreat.
  - Sponsored Programs will close March 6 – 7 for the NC Society of Research Administrators’ Annual Meeting.

- Year-to-date submission and award information through the end of January is available on the Web at http://www.orsp.appstate.edu/awards. A summary follows:
  - 144 proposals requesting $50,242,502 compared to FY2011’s year-end total of 334 requests for $58,412,052.
    - Proposal submissions are down in number by 18%.
    - Dollars requested are up 20%, which includes one large request of $17 million that was not funded.
  - 140 awards totaling $5,949,906 reflect an 8% decrease in the number of awards, slowly rising from the report as we continue to move away from the influence of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) awards and awards to Appalachian Family Innovations which left the University.
    - Dollars received are now 53.3% less than that received during the same period in FY2011.

- Sponsored Programs Workshop Offerings for February
  - Externally Sponsored Projects at Appalachian State
  - Conversations at Noon resumes on Feb 16th
  - Building a Budget for Grant Applications
  - AGrants Administrative and PI training for the spring
  - See www.orsp.appstate.edu/events for the full list of remaining FY2012 offerings.
    - Registrations for February events hosted by Sponsored Programs are dismal

- Federal sponsors are sending notices that extensions for ARRA funding will not be allowed beyond the fall of 2012
- ORSP Web presence evaluation and redesign is moving forward. Card sort exercises are underway at present, while the usability sort (study) is being designed.
- Society for Research Administrators, International
  - North Carolina Chapter
The Director of Sponsored Programs is heavily engaged in final arrangements for the 2012 North Carolina Chapter meeting.

The Director of Sponsored Programs has been named to the SRA, International President's Committee as Chapter Representative. In this capacity, she will also serve as a nonvoting member of the SRA, International Board.

Other Activity:

- Charna Howson and Charlotte Smith met with representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences to review AGrants processes and how the information it contains can be mined/further utilized. This discussion also explored the inclusion of core facility charges in budget planning with PIs.
- Charna Howson met with the director of the microscopy core facility to discuss inclusion of facility charges to grant budgets and the provision of information to PIs via the facility website.

NEW Business

- Discussion of the impact of the end of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding and reduced federal budgets on Appalachian’s external funding portfolio and research growth.