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Present: William Baker, Becki Battista, John Boyd, Karen Caldwell, Ellen Cowan, Susan Doll, Pollyanne Frantz, Charna Howson, Alecia Jackson, Christine Leist, Gary McCullough, John Pine, Jeff Ramsdell, Gwen Robbins-Schug, Amy Roberts, Karla Rusch, Susan Staub, Robin Tyndall, Alan Utter,

Excused: Cynthia Liutkus-Pierce, Betsy Williams

Absent: Susan McCracken, Ged Moody, Chris Yang

Guests: Kate Hoffman

Alan Utter calls the meeting to order. The motion to approve minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

University of North Carolina Patent and Copyright Policies

Robin Tyndall presents UNC’s and ASU’s patent and copyright policies. Robin suggests that URC award recipients submit an intellectual property disclosure form to request releasing intellectual property rights to the inventor. The URC recommends updating the award letter and final report receipt confirmation notice to include the intellectual property right disclosure process).

URC Grant Program Objectives

Only ten responses were received regarding the URC Grant program objectives survey. The survey responses were loaded to the URC AsULearn site on March 10, 2015. Questions for the URC membership: Is the response rate reflective of the entire membership? Are the proposal objectives either too broad, too restrictive, or too contradictory? Should there be separate review rubric for each panel? Should the objectives’ themes be prioritized? Should the review rubric be viewed as imposing limitations or priorities?

Following discussion, the recommendation was made to obtain the review rubrics for the grant programs at other institutions that were used as examples for the URC Grant program objectives survey. The rubric committee will review the rubrics and develop a plan for moving forward.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The BOG will review the Brantley Risk and Insurance Center and RIEEE. The BOG has requested RIEEE to consider merging its centers. RIEE is currently working on submitting required information to Academic Affairs. Chancellor Everts will send the final report to the BOG from the information collected by Academic Affairs. Alan urges URC members to provide feedback to him from a research perspective regarding the candidates for provost.
- Grant awards for the UNC system are up 9% for FY14. ASU improves its ranking from fourth place to third as a UNC Masters Institution.
- All URC applications have been posted in the URC AsULearn site for review. Reviews by panels are due by April 14th. The URC will be voting on review panel recommendations at the April 21st meeting.
- Alan wants to establish a technology transfer office. He asks the membership for feedback to know if there is faculty support for this endeavor.
- Please keep URC award results confidential until notified by the Office of Research.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 5:04 pm.