

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship
Council Minutes
February 11, 2011, 3:00 p.m.
N1-16

Attendees:

Azra Bihorac (Member)
Henry Frierson (Administrative Liaison)
Henrietta Logan (Member and Chair)
Debra Jean Murie (Member)
William Kem (Member)
Robert Cook (Member)
Rob Adams
Tom Walsh
Win Phillips (Administrative Liaison – absent)
Sandra Russo (Member - absent)

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

The minutes were approved with correction.

Information Items:

Henrietta Logan reported that at the last Research Policy Committee Meeting, the first hour was an FYI presentation from Tim Anderson. The Committee then discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the RCM model. Concern was raised that RCM might create barriers to interdisciplinary research.

At the Steering Committee, Dr. Machen discussed the Governor's budget and indicated that he didn't know what the legislature will do this year as far as the University's budget is concerned. He asked that faculty not panic during the initial phase of political statements. Mark Orazem presented the Infrastructure Council's recommendation on continuous online testing of faculty and staff. There was a long discussion on the College of Engineering proposal for establishing a 'School' and the definition of "affected faculty".

Robert Cook added that at the Research Policy Committee meeting, there was concern for cross college training grants and RCM.

Issues Related to Security and Research Activity:

Rob Adams, Information Security Officer, updated the committee on where the university stands with security in technology. Rob explained that he's only been here a short time and at the moment, his department is trying to identify what security the health science center requires. First step is to make sure that there is a governance structure such as policies, standards and priorities in place. There should be policies on securing data on hard drives, local drives, flash drives and transmitting data. He wants to see the PI responsible for research and only research and IT responsible for securing the data. The committee will invite Rob back at a future SCORS meeting.

Plans for Online P & T Documents:

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs, reported on working with Enterprise Systems and the online promotion and tenure software program. Currently a faculty member must submit a dossier of about 50 pages. Plans are to put all of this online. This has been a huge project with many departments participating. The upcoming pilot will include a small group of departments, Dentistry, Fine Arts, and Agronomy. This system will be multipurpose with hopes that most of the databases on campus can be mapped for use to produce different reports.

Agenda for next meeting:

Next meeting is March 11 in N1-16. The council will invite several PIs of training grants to discuss their experience and any barriers they perceive in inviting additional applications for graduate education directed training grants.

The meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.