

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship
Council Minutes
January 21, 2011, 3:00 p.m.
N1-16

Attendees:

Azra Bihorac
Henry Frierson
Henrietta Logan (Chair)
Debra Jean Murie
William Kem (excused)
Kathy Jones (guest)
Lee Catledge (guest)
Greg Dubois (guest)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Introductions were made and Henrietta Logan asked everyone to review the distribution list for updates.

Information Items:

Henrietta reported from the Steering Committee of the faculty senate. There is concern for the lack of training grants for graduate students. Faculty do not feel like they are receiving support, so it is difficult to find a champion for this initiative which includes applying for and managing training grants. The university is committed to doing far more than it is now when it comes to training grants to support graduate education. The council will discuss this in April.

At the steering committee funding from the state legislature was discussed as well as Block tuition. Block tuition is scheduled to begin year after next (AY2013). Students will have the Wednesday off prior to Thanksgiving. This will be a trial run that will last about three years. During that time the university will check many factors such including class attendance on Monday and Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving.

Report from focus group on Effort Reporting

Debra Murie gave a report from the effort reporting meeting in January. She mentioned that the SCORS group will most likely be a focus group for effort reporting when it goes online. Faculty assignment reports will be online in April 2011 with effort certification starting August 2011. One of the concerns raised was about 9 month faculty who deal with graduate students during the summer. Their effort reporting is not captured properly. Training is critical to appropriately using the Effort Reporting system. A suggestion was made that the university should have a faculty resource web page. It was also noted that graduate students who are linked to a PI are required to do effort reporting.

October minutes were approved with a correction noted that Amelia Bell was in attendance.
December minutes were approved.

Enterprise Reporting:

Lee Catledge gave a demonstration of Enterprise Reporting geared specifically to research and PIs. PIs can go to MyUFL and in the left menu, click Enterprise Reporting to view and download their grants monthly financial reports and summaries through the life of their grants. This is a quick way to receive current information on each grant. It is hoped that this will put an end to the extra effort used for the shadow book system. Plans are for Enterprise Reporting to go live in May 2011.

The meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting is February 11 in N1-16