

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

Attendees:

Henry Frierson (Administrative Liaison)
Henrietta Logan (Member and Chair)
Debra Jean Murie (Member)
Robert Cook (Member)
Tom Walsh
David Bloom
Jim Ferrer
Lee Catledge
Win Phillips (Administrative Liaison – absent)
Sandra Russo (Member - absent)
Azra Bihorac (Member – absent)
William Kem (Member -absent)

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

The minutes were approved.

Steering Committee

Henrietta Logan reported that there was considerable discussion at the last Steering Committee about the College of Engineering vote at the February Faculty Senate meeting. Concern was raised from the steering committee about the appropriateness of one faculty member being able to delay the will of the majority on matters of collegiate reorganization. Budget cuts and speculation out of Tallahassee were also discussed. Paula Fussell gave a presentation on helping employees in distress. Infrastructure Council will likely take over monitoring the online Promotion and Tenure module next year and the Budget Council is working on their RCM report.

Effort Reporting

Jim Ferrer, Assistant Vice President, Finance and Planning gave a status update on the Faculty Assignment Report. Currently faculty use paper for effort reporting. This new online system is simple and more efficient. A pilot program starts April 25. Jim would like to get the word out to faculty by presenting at the Steering Committee and one of the Faculty Senate monthly meetings. The council passed a motion to recommend that the Faculty Assignment Report project be presented to the Steering Committee and then on to the Senate.

Training Grants

Henry Frierson distributed a document that showed *The Top 26 Public US Academic Institutions by Total Institutional NIH Training Grant Awards for FY09* that shows University of Florida in the 20th spot. David Bloom, Associate Professor, Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, stated that his department supports five pre-doctoral students on T32 grants. Their program is unique as they have three colleges and nine

departments involved. Renewing a T32 grant is very competitive. At University of Florida, PIs must spend long hours searching for data because there is not a centralized database. There is also difficulty in the fiscal area. The University interprets training grant appointees as “fellows” and it takes between six to eight weeks before a student is paid. Because the student is not in the system, no taxes are taken out, so the student is responsible to pay their own taxes. Clerical, budget and space supports are lacking. Jim Ferrer mentioned that he will research why it takes so long for students to get paid.

Elect New Chair for Next Year

Robert Cook and Debra Jean Murie will co-chair the Council on Research and Scholarship for AY12.

Next meeting

April 29, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in N1-16. Will invite David Guzneck and Michael Marsiske to discuss training grants.