

**Senate Council on Research and Scholarship**  
**Minutes**  
**April 29, 2011, 3:00 p.m.**  
**N1-16**

**Attendees:**

Ken Gerhardt (Administrative Liaison)  
Henrietta Logan (Member and Chair)  
Debra Jean Murie (Member)  
Robert Cook (Member)  
William Kem (Member)  
Azra Bihorac (Member)  
David Guzick  
Joe Fantone  
Tom Walsh  
Jim Ferrer  
Lee Catledge  
Paul Gulig  
Michael Marsiske  
Win Phillips (Administrative Liaison – absent)  
Sandra Russo (Member - absent)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The March minutes were approved with correction.

**Effort Reporting**

Jim Ferrer, Assistant Vice President, Finance and Planning distributed a draft version of the Effort Reporting Directives and Procedures for the council to review and give feedback. He asked that while reviewing to pay attention to section 1.3. Pilot program starts next week for the new online system for faculty assignment and effort reporting. This new online system is simple and more efficient. Information sessions will be available for those who want extra attention.

**Training Grants**

A long discussion revolved around T-32 training grants, students getting paid in a timely manner, incentives for faculty to apply for training grants, and using R01 grants as an alternative. Jim Ferrer mentioned at the last meeting that he'd research why it takes so long for students to receive their pay checks. What he found was that there is a committee investigating this issue and that most of the challenges with T-32 grants are UF based. Stipends run between \$21,000 - \$22,000 with 60% reimbursement. It was suggested that the University of Florida do what many other universities do and waive the 40%. Concern was raised that with future tuition increases, it will be cheaper to hire a post-doc than a graduate student. It is important to have a graduate education, however, are these grants worth going after?

### **Training Grant Experience**

Michael Marsiske gave a short presentation on his experience with training grants. Benefits of T-32 grants are student funding, creation of a programmatic emphasis around which faculty can coalesce, reputational benefits and development of an “elite corps” of research focused students who will be key future ambassadors. There are a number of challenges (some national and some UF-based) that diminish enthusiasm such as absence of faculty salary support, outdated rules for student appointments, the need to find 40% tuition/fee support for each trainee and suggestions that time would be better spend developing individual R01 grants.

### **Items for Next Year’s Agenda**

- Revisit effort reporting
- Revisit instructor workload
- Visit from CIO on IT Strategic Plan
- Tenure and Promotion online system
- VIVO
- Training Grants Progress
- Effects on RCM interdisciplinary programs

### **Elect New Chair for Next Year**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.