

**Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Minutes
October 28, 2011, International Center (HUB) Room 145
1 – 3 pm**

Attendees: Bob Cook, Debra Murie, David Hahn, Andrew Tarter, Peter Iafrate, Michael Mahoney, Bill Buhi, Tom Walsh, Lee Catledge, Peter Pevonka, Stephanie Gray, Tom Walsh, Jim Ferrer, Brian Sevier.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Bob Cook (Co-chair).

Introductions were made.

Presentation: IRB update

Michael Mahoney gave a slide presentation regarding the IRB Board and Mission, strategies to improve collaboration with investigators, and some data regarding the number of proposals reviewed by the IRB in the past 1-2 years. The Council asked questions about the time it takes for IRB review, about upcoming plans for online IRB submissions, integration of the different IRBs (e.g. IRB1 and IRB2), and possible additional training that may be required for faculty regarding the IRB. Questions were also asked about the use of IRB end dates and their impact on financial resources and tracking for faculty, but it appears these issues are outside the control of the IRB itself.

Presentation: IACUC update

Bill Buhi gave a brief presentation regarding the IACUC mission. He noted that the IACUC recently underwent outside review and did very well. Dr. Buhi emphasized the desire to meet with faculty to discuss IACUC issues both in general and related to specific projects.

Demonstration of outside financial planning tool for research faculty

Stephanie Gray gave a live web-based demonstration of a faculty planning tool used by the University of Wisconsin that provides more user-friendly access to current grant expenditures and planning capacity. Several guests in the room mentioned that there is an ongoing committee that is working on improvements in the Enterprise reporting system that will allow faculty to better track current grant expenditures and to project future expenditures.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.