

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Minutes
December 16, 2011, 265 Williamson Hall
1-3 pm

Attendees: Debra Murie, Sue Alvers, Robert Cook, Paul Mueller, Rick Yost, David Hahn, Joe Glover, Henry Frierson

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Robert Cook (co-chair).

Minutes from October and November meetings were approved.

General Discussion of issues related to tensions between faculty research, graduate student education, and grant support.

- Robert pointed out that Drs Guzick, Dunn and Gerhardt were not available to attend today's meeting. We will have a follow up on graduate education and research in the spring.
- IDC distribution was discussed at a previous meeting. Efforts were made to find current IDC reports, but were unsuccessful.
- Last fall the council looked at T-32s. These grants were good for students; however, took quite a bit of time for administrative work and low financing for students.
- To think about: Where does the funding come from to support graduate schools?
- It was pointed out that the average PhD has 125 – 130 credits instead of 90. Many are paying for credit hours that student do not need. How many credit hours are necessary is decided by the university and not the state.
- One suggestion from a previous meeting is to waive the tuition. If waive tuition, how does the Dean of the college recoup the funding?
- What about student tuition and RCM? Paul will get an update from the CFO at the next Budget Council meeting.
- Discussion ended with many open ended questions.

Role of SCORS and IDC

When Rick Yost chaired SCORS, the council requested that it do an annual review of IDC distribution. That seems to have stopped since he last chaired. IDCs are distributed differently because of RCM. Tom Walsh distributed a draft of current IDC summary report and explained the different line items. A long discussion ensued about the distributed document. Tom will bring a more detailed report to a future meeting.

Open Discussion

Brainstorming topics for spring:

- Request to have a representative participate on the new committee that Dr. Glover is forming.
- T-32s were discussed before, but have not been resolved.
- Jim Ferrer and update on Effort Reporting
- MOUs and internationalization
- Undergraduate research and stipends
- Online tenure and promotion
- How to incorporate undergraduate research and graduate students

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.