

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Minutes
January 27, 2012, 265 Williamson Hall
10 am – noon

Attendees: Debra Murie, Sue Alvers, Robert Cook, Paul Mueller, Tom Walsh, Ben Dunn, David Harfe, Lawrence Alexander, Karen Bradley, Anne Donnelly, Mary Jo Koroly, Bernard Mair, Azra Bihorac, Samesha Barnes, Laura Ling Donovan, Cheryl Bell and Suzanne Sindledecker.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Robert Cook (co-chair).

Minutes from December were approved.

Undergraduate Research – What is happening at UF, and are there barriers that limit faculty involvement with undergraduate research? Can the Faculty Senate help?

Guests: Bernard Mair, Anne Donnelly, Karen Bradley, Lawrence Alexander, Samesha Barnes, Mary Jo Koroly.

A long discussion ensued with the six guests representing their undergraduate research programs on how to improve and increase the undergraduate research experience. Items noted during the conversation:

- MAJOR PROBLEM - Lack of faculty willing to participate. They do not respond to students' requests.
- Marketing – Most of the students who participate are in the science and engineering majors. Humanities and liberal arts students do not understand that they can do research in their majors.
- Research enhances a student's university experience.
- Having a research graduate student mentor an undergraduate student
- Blue Key has an undergraduate research award for mentoring.
- Suggestions:
 - Might help to have a single brochure with all programs listed instead of a brochure for each program.
 - Have a single web form for students interested in participating.
 - Students should attend a general orientation where they are instructed about HIPAA, IRB certifications, etc.
 - Should students take a Research Method course?
- Issues:
 - Student need to be professional
 - How will this be supported – time wise?
 - Students' biggest obstacle is time management.
 - Is there a problem with liability?

Research Subject Payment System

Guests: Laura Ling Donovan, Cheryl Bell, Suzanne Sindledecker

Treasury Management has developed a new and easier way for faculty to pay research subjects. Current process has many concerns. Now there will be one central office for processing all payments, such as checks, gift cards and prepaid debit cards.

Miscellaneous

Some items for the future:

- Effort Reporting update
- RCM and interdisciplinary research
- REU supplements
- Ask Dr. Norton to visit

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.