

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Minutes
August 26, 2011, Tigert 202
1 – 3 pm

Attendees: Debra Murie, Sue Alvers, Henry Frierson, Jim Ferrer, Paul Mueller, Scott Nygren, Melissa Curry, David Hahn, Sandra Russo, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Tom Walsh, Fedro Zazueto.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm by Debra Murie (co-chair).

Introductions were made and the minutes from April 2011 were approved.

Online Promotion and Tenure

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost, updated the council on the online tenure and promotion project. Fine Arts, Dentistry and one IFAS department are participating in a pilot program. Currently there are 20 faculty candidates in the system. So far the feedback is positive. At the moment, candidates' documents are uploaded and moved through the system as a pdf. Future plans are to have a more data driven system.

Predoctoral Fellows

At the last meeting, Jim Ferrer, Assistant Vice President, Finance and Planning offered to investigate payment issues with training grants. He introduced Melissa Curry from Human Resources who explained that there has been an ongoing committee looking into improving the process. The committee has met with Contract and Grants to discuss ways to move the paperwork through the system and several options are in review.

UF Strategic Plan for IT

Dr. Fredo Zazueto, Director of Academic Technology, gave a short presentation on the IT Strategic Plan, by giving a brief history of the hiring of the new CIO, Elias Eldayrie and how Mr. Eldayrie immediately set a governance structure in place. Several committees, which included 238 participants, worked on the Strategic Plan starting December 2010. Recommendations were vetted by policy councils and affect all of the University of Florida, including the Health Science Center. Shands is not included in the IT Strategic Plan. Mobile is a high priority for the University and "m.ufl.edu" went online recently. Business has a mobile app for students and Sakai is partially mobilized.

Address to SCORS

Scott Nygren, Chair, Faculty Senate, asked the council to investigate several issues.

- Please monitor how the proposed budget affects the IDCs and the financing of grants.
- Win Phillips is now the Sr. Vice President (Brian Beach's position). When search committee is formed to fill Win Phillips position, the council should have a representative sit on that committee.
- As research funding starts to become flat, what will this mean to the University? UF might have to start matching down the road. Paper work will most likely increase.
- Budget Council will continue work on RCM report monitoring and interdisciplinary and unfunded research.
- Where does research fit into internationalization?

Update on Steering Committee

Debra Murie gave a short report on the August Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting. Items discussed were:

- Harn Museum – Eric Segal showed how any department on campus can use the Harn as an aid for their classes.
- Scott Nygren gave an explanation on the new website.
- Dr. Machen discussed the 3% staff raise and the funding. The university is still working on the 3% for the faculty. He also gave a short explanation on his State of the University address on August 26.
- Dr. Glover gave an update on the Innovation Academy, RCM Budget and Projections
- Scott Nygren reminded the committee about the students wishing to change the mission statement.

Planning and Discussion on Future Agenda Items

- IRB
- Training Grants & Stipends
- How PIs can access programs to run their grants instead of having a shadow system.
- Effort Reporting
- MOU's
- Fully understand IDCs and how proposed changes will affect distributions
- Interdisciplinary research in relation to RCM
- Tuition increases and the cost of PhD students versus Post-docs

Sandra Russo suggested that we relocate the meetings for fall to the HUB for a centralized location. Sandra will check into reserving the conference room at the International Center.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.