

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Minutes
March 11, 2013– Shands 2025
10 am – noon

Attendees: Stephanie Gray, Brad Staats, David Hahn, Henry Frierson, Mirka Koro-Ljungberg, Sandra Russo, Joyce Stetson, Sue Alvers, Sobha Jaishankar, Mark Siegal, Brenda Harrell, Dave Bloom, Azra Bihorac, Pradeep Kumar and Sylvain Dore

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Sandra Russo (vice chair).

Minutes from February 2013 were approved.

Steering Committee Report

Azra reported that most of the discussion at the Steering Committee was about Dr. Machen deciding to stay as President of the university. Bernard Mair gave a short update on the state's General Education Steering Committee, and a presentation on the mentoring program for first year students. Azra's been asked to attend an Open Access task force that will meet in April.

Effort Reporting Update

Stephanie Gray noted that Sponsored Research is in the process of revising the Effort Reporting Policy and also the Effort Reporting Directives and Procedures. To compute your effort, use your total hours as 100%. If your normal working week is 20 hours or 80 hours – each is considered 100% effort. Stephanie asked members of the council to please review and send their feedback within the next two weeks.

T-32 PIs Update

- David Bloom mentioned that since his last visit to the council, administrative student salary issues are worked out. Previously those who are on student fellowships would receive their pay check two to three months late. In the last six months, this procedure has been streamlined. So far, he hasn't received any complaints from students.
- Office of Research Affairs has started a database keeping track of pre-docs. There is not a database yet for post-docs or a way to track postdocs. It was noted that many postdocs are hired as OPS employees.
- We seem to be having problems with graduate student hiring. It is important that we increase post docs at UF. A suggestion was made to develop a university level "Best Practices" for hiring postdocs.
- Many of our students are not applying for federal grants because they do not know how to write grants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.