Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Minutes
October 1, 2012– Shands 2025
10 am – noon

Attendees: Azra Bihorac, David Norton, Irene Cooke, Mirka Koro-Ljungberg, Mindy Menn, Jim Ferrer, Lee Catledge, Stephanie Gray, Sue Alvers, Tom Walsh, and Paul Mueller.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Azra Bihorac (chair).

Minutes from September were approved.

Cheri Brodeur, Faculty Senate Chair, thanked the members for agreeing to participate on this council. She emphasized the importance of the council and its work.

Federal Contract/Grant Cost Principles Training for Faculty and Staff – Dr. David Norton, Vice President for Research
- UF has one of the largest research portfolios in the U.S.
- UF is in the top 25 research universities receiving federal grant funds.
- To assist PIs, Co-PIs and Program Coordinators in federal grant fund spending and to improve allocability, the Research Office is working with Human Resources to create an online training module about cost principles of federal dollars. Federal auditors are consistently looking at institutions and how the institution spends its federal grant funds.
- The training module takes about 40 minutes with a test at the end. This training will be mandatory for PIs and co-PIs.
- Dr. Norton asked the council to test the modules and provide feedback before it is released.
- Suggestion: Have a Research Office hotline phone number for PIs to use. Something like "1-800-HELP-RESEARCH"?
- Suggestion: Training or a round table discussion for new faculty during their orientation.

Information on sequestration effect on research at UF – Dr. David Norton, Vice President for Research
- Congress passed a resolution last year to automatically put a 8.2% budget cut in effect January 2013 for the majority of federal agencies. Some awards might not get issued and others might receive an 8.2% reduction of fund.
- Sequestration will occur no matter who is President.
- For UF, 8.2% reduction of federal grant funding is $50 million. Dr. Norton plans to have a conversation with the deans. Colleges are already stretched thin.
- The thought is that congress will likely turn their attention to this after the election.

Update on PI reporting tool, Cayuse application tool, and effort reporting – Stephanie Gray, Lee Catledge, and Jim Ferrer

- Lee Catledge gave a demonstration of Enterprise System's PI Reporting Tool prototype.
- Enterprise Systems hope to have it available for PIs to use in November.
- Plans are to do road shows, present at department faculty meetings and round tables to get
- The university owns Cayuse which is a tool to build applications. It is intended to make applying for grants easier. Forms are available for grant submissions. Radiology is piloting the project.
- Online Effort Reporting is continuing with spring compliance of 81% . Still have some effort reports to certify.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.