

**Senate Council on Research and Scholarship Minutes**  
**September 10, 2012– Shands 2025**  
**10 am – noon**

**Attendees:** Irene Cooke, Stephanie Gray, Mindy Menn, Sandra Russo, Azra Bihorac, Mirka Koro-Ljungberg, Cheri Brodeur, Sue Alvers, David Hahn, and Pradeep Kumar

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Azra Bihorac (chair).

Azra welcomed the members, introductions were made and minutes from April 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.

**SCORS Chair report on Research Committee Meeting**

Azra reported that the Research Committee Meeting this time was informal with Dr. David Norton giving his overall vision on the future of research. He emphasized research accountability discussed the conflict of interest forms. Discussion revolved around how to train research faculty and make the training mandatory. Stephanie mentioned that government sequestration might take effect the beginning of January 2013. She explained that sequestration would cut several billion dollars from key areas important to research universities. For research, sequestration would mean a direct reduction in the number of grants available, smaller awards sizes, or that only existing awards would be funded. For hospitals and physicians on campus, it would mean lower Medicare reimbursement rates. Cheri interjected that this should come before the Senate as an information item for September or October.

**Topics for this year**

The council brainstormed issues that were not completed from last year and also discussed new items. Top issues for the council to work on for 2012-2013:

- Retractions and Plagiarism in Science – Do we have a problem on this campus? Who should we invite?
- Effort Reporting and Enterprise Reporting (ER) Financial System – Government is working on reforms in this area.
- Regulations in Research
- Online Promotion and Tenure Update – should we ask Angel Kwolek-Folland for an update?
- Interdisciplinary Research – Interdisciplinary research is an RCM weakness.
- Undergraduate Research – invite Ann Donnelly or Bernard Mair
- Training Grants and graduate student tuition – invite Henry Frierson
- Increase diversity in research

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.