

Research & Scholarship Council Minutes
February 7, 2014 1 p.m.
Norman Hall Room 158

Attendees:	David Hahn	Sue Alvers
Irene Cooke	David Norton	Mindy Menn
Mirka Koro-Ljungberg	Sandra Russo	
Sobha Jaishankar	George Samraj	

Mirka Koro-Ljungberg called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. The January 2014 minutes were approved with corrections.

Follow Up - Mirka Koro-Ljungberg

- Distinguished professor process
 - Senate chair Marc Heft and Mirka koro-Ljungberg wrote a memorandum “Councils/Committees considering the Distinguished Professor process” to Provost Glover.
 - This memorandum gave an update on discussions and potential problems associated with the distinguished professor processes. The note was in response to Provost Glover’s questions regarding the UF Senate Committees or councils reviewing the distinguished professor process.
 - SCORS is to generate some guidelines/ideas/suggestions about his issue to be included in the SCORS annual report.
- Women and Research
 - This is an important issue, but our baseline data is missing. At the Welfare Council’s meeting in January 2014, Angel Kwolek-Folland mentioned that UF’s data is very similar to our peer universities. Should we continue working with the data that we have? Should we make a recommendation or table the issue?
 - Because we did not have all the council present, it was decided to wait until the next meeting to get a consensus about the next steps.
- UF Journals
 - The list of UF Journals published by Florida Press was provided by the council’s information. The council will share with Bill Fink.

Sponsored Project Process Changes – David Norton

- Dr. Norton distributed a memo from January 2014 to Deans and Directors explaining new sponsored research procedures that become effective March 3, 2014. The changes were implemented to enhance the University’s good practices in sponsored project accounting operations. This was the result of a task force looking at research activities.
- The council was reminded that the federal government reports (Effort Reporting) and the state support reports (Faculty Assignment Report) are different. The Federal government is interested in the percent of time and does not pertain to hours worked. State reporting is how many hours faculty teach.

International Interdisciplinary Research – Sandra Russo

- Sandra reported on the [IRWG Survey](#). About 600 faculty responded.
 - Three top constraints to international education according to the survey.
 - Family commitments and responsibilities
 - Not enough time
 - Lack of knowledge on how to get involved

- Themes emerged in the general comments.
 - Institutional priority is lacking as there is more talk than action.
 - International efforts are not valued.
 - Need administrative mechanism to support international initiatives.
 - Funding resources should be made available.
 - Facilitation of international research by UFIC and Office of Research needs to be improved.
 - International teaching and research needs to be recognized and given credit.
 - Paperwork processing is burdensome.
 - Exchange students and scholars need resources.
 - Internationalization is important but not necessarily for tenure and promotion.
 - International engagement should be a choice.
 - Awareness and guidance is required.
 - Personal and institutional benefits accrued
 - Opportunity to provide feedback.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.