

Research & Scholarship Council Minutes
January 8, 2014 9 a.m.
Norman Hall Room 158

Attendees:	Paul Mueller	Pradeep Kumar
Irene Cooke	Angel Kwolek-Folland	Florin Curta
Mirka Koro-Llungberg	Bill Fink	Henry Frierson
Sobha Jaishankar	Jane Southworth	
Sue Alvers	Mindy Menn	

Mirka Koro-Ljungberg called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. The December minutes were approved with revision.

The council approved the latest APB memo draft. Mirka plans to send the finalized memo to Marc prior to presenting at Steering Committee tomorrow.

Interdisciplinary Research – Jane Southworth

Jane Southworth presented information about the role of interdisciplinary research and related ways to identify experts along with finding collaborators across disciplines.

- Groups that are involved in interdisciplinary research are already involved through centers.
- Collaborations are currently through grass roots organization. Emails usually go out to each college, then faculty just get together to apply for a grants.
- One problem with interdisciplinary research is that it is expensive and when applying for a grant, it is hard to prove collaborations.
- Usually researchers do not receive grant funding on the first or second submissions. Faculty must show that they have been collaborating for several years.
- It's hard for junior faculty to get involved while working for tenure.
- The Office of Research provides services and assistance to faculty who are submitting grants.

UF Journals & University of Florida Press – Bill Fink

- University Press of Florida is made up of many universities from around the state that helps with funding.
- Representatives from each university sit on the Board which meets four times a year in Orlando.
- UPF publishes books on "Florida" related subjects in anthropology, archeology, history, some literature, dance, Latin America, etc. The organization does not publish journals. Its goal is to further scholarship.
- Funding has declined over the years causing cutbacks in staff.
- Florin will try to find out what journals are based on campus.

Distinguished Professors – Angel Kwolek-Folland

- The awarding distinguished professor procedure has been looked at for many years.
- The role of distinguished professor has changed over the last few years.
- Are distinguished professors needed?
- In 2008, a group of Distinguished Professors reviewed the process of nominating candidates and submitted a proposal to the Provost.
- Topics that bubbled up during discussion
 - Funding income
 - Expectations with the title
 - The process awarding the title
 - Time limit?

- Suggestion: UF should have three areas: Distinguished Teaching Professor; Distinguished Service Professor; Distinguished Research Professor.
- Suggestion: UF should have an adhoc committee review and discuss this issue
- What's our action plan?
 - Council should do a survey and then write a memo to Faculty Senate Chair
 - Mindy will check with the Graduate Council about handling the survey.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.