

Research & Scholarship Council Minutes
March 9, 2016 1:45 p.m.
Marston Library Room L-136

Attendees:

Sue Alvers	Florin Curta	Don Bolser
Chris Hass	Jorg Peters	Stephanie Gray
Valrie Minson	Gillian Lord	

Valrie Minson opened the meeting at 1:47 p.m. and the February minutes were approved.

IDCs and University Budgeting Process – Don Bolser, Member, RCM Task Force

- Dr. Bolser was appointed as the Faculty Senate Representative on the RCM Task Force. He was also part of the IDC Subcommittee
- Task Force’s original recommendation was to return 10% of the IDCs generated back to the deans. Senior administration opposed this and recommended that 10% of IDCs should be returned to the PI. Dr. Norton supports the faculty.
- IDC tax will be on revenue instead of expenditures like in the past.

Online Training

- Paul Davenport forwarded an email from Danny Martin concerning online training course frustrations. Dr. Davenport asked that the Research and Scholarship Council review Dr. Martin’s concerns.
 - Concern was raised about the large amount of online training that many faculty must do.
 - Dr. Martin took the online Biohazard safety course that is poorly designed causing a waste and freezing during many videos causing the user to repeatedly start again.
- Discussion revolved around what aspect if any falls under SCORS purview. They broke the subject down to “amount of training”, “usability”, and “content”.
- Stephanie Gray noted that Irene Cooke and Mike Mahoney are working on a tool to help faculty manage their testing.
- The council decided that it would look into the amount of training and ask Dr. Cooke and Dr. Mahoney to explain the new website tool they are working on when finished.
 - Usability of the software issue should go to Infrastructure council
 - Content issue should be referred to the department who made the video.

Reassign Universities Libraries Committee

- Judy Russell, Dean of Libraries and Melissa Johnson, Chair of Universities Libraries Committee recommend that the ULC start to report to SCORS instead of Infrastructure Council because Infrastructure Council deals more with facilities. Looking at responsibilities of the ULC, it aligns more with SCORS.
- Sue mentioned that this was brought to the attention of the Committee on Committees at its last meeting. CoC will most likely recommend the change to Steering Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.