Research & Scholarship Council Report 2015-2016

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Roster for 2015-2016:

- Florian Curta, History
- Christopher Hass, Applied Physiology and Kinesiology
- Gillian Lord, Spanish and Portuguese Studies
- Valrie Minson, Marston Science Library
- Jorg Peters, Computer Information Science
- George Samraj, Community Health and Family
- Faith Lambert, Student
- Stephanie Gray, Division of Sponsored Programs
- Sobha Jaishankar, Research Program Development
- Henry Frierson, Graduate School
- Irene Cooke, Research Compliance
- David Norton, Vice President, Contributing Committee

Topics discussed:

Academic Analytics: SCORS continued discussions from the previous year about the use of Academic Analytics. There was concern about how the system was being used (individual level or unit level) and Provost Glover attended a SCORS meeting to update the council on usage. Generally speaking, the system can benchmark UF faculty by department and units can locate PhD graduates working within academia and look at national grant portfolio. Deans have access to reports and can share with department chairs. The system has not been used for faculty evaluations and there is not good data in the creative arts, creative writing, or clinical fields. Provost Glover will provide a report of the system at a Faculty Senate meeting in the new academic year.

Overview of the Office of Research (IDC): This year SCORS invited representatives from the Office of Research to provide an overview of their respective areas which included: Research Program Development, Sponsored Programs, Research Compliance, Research Operations and Services, and Technology Transfers. Understanding the contribution of these areas is important for SCORS when asked by the Faculty Senate Chair to provide feedback on IDC distribution. With IDC distribution to PIs unchanged, SCORS supported the IDC model as communicated.

University Library Committee: Dean of the Libraries, Judy Russell, and Chair of ULC, Melissa Johnson, attending a meeting to:

1) Discuss to whom the libraries should report (Infrastructure or SCORS).
   SCoRS recommended to the Committee on Committees that the University Libraries Committee report to SCoRS rather than Infrastructure.
2) Confirm support for restoring funding for the Open Access Publishing Fund
   This funding was designed to defray the cost of publishing open access articles. The UFOAP was initially funded by the Provost in 2010 with $120,000 and continued through 2012 with an

additional $75,000. The ULC provided summary of the pilot's impacts.

SCoRS responded in support of the University restoring the OA Publishing Fund.

3) Confirm support for increased DSP funding of the research materials licensed by the Libraries. As part of its annual budget proposal, the Smathers Libraries has sought increased funding for library materials from the Provost and also from the Vice President of Research. Currently, DSP provides $1.45 million to the Libraries annually. Dean Russell requests that DSP increase its funding for STEM research journals over the next few years to .5% (one half of one percent) of research funding and then index annual increases to sustain that percentage.

SCoRS believes that libraries are crucially important to the research mission of the university. All avenues -in addition to sponsored programs- should be explored to fund the libraries.

Possible items for next year's agenda:

- Assessing the new online IRB (after 1 year period)
- Ways of maintaining communication lines to Deans
- Provost presentation on Academic Analytics to Senate
- Academic Analytics: Best Practices and Concerns document
- Reporting of University Library Committee to SCORS
- CHORUS: Advancing Public Access to Research (ULC)