

Research & Scholarship Council Minutes
October 3, 2016 2:00 p.m.
Marston Science Library L-136

Attendees:

Dimitri Bourilkov, Physics
Irene Cooke, Office of Research
Sylvain Doré, College of Medicine
Edith Kaan, Department of Linguistics
Gillian Lord, Spanish and Portuguese Studies
Valrie Minson, Marston Science Library
Ed Neu, Clinical and Translational Science Institute
Jorg Peters, Computer Information Science
Kellie Roberts, University Libraries Committee

Valrie Minson convened the meeting at 2:00. Previous meeting minutes were accepted with one small change.

Online IRB Training Module

Last year SCORS discussed a complaint regarding the quality and quantity of trainings. Further SCORS discussions include:

- Understanding the trainings required;
- Volume and scope of training;
- Request to have upcoming training expirations communicated in-batch to researchers

DSP has been making progress within these three areas and at the next meeting Michael Mahoney will share a timeline for expected progress with each area and SCORS will invite him to provide periodic updates at future meetings. Specifically in the case of the IRB training, SCORS discussed creating a survey that includes guided likert scale and free form box. This survey could be distributed three ways: on a slide at the end of the presentation; an email distributed via the IRB listserv; an email targeting researchers who have recently taken the IRB online training. Val will reach out to Peter lafrate to explore options for gathering feedback.

Research Information Management Systems

Ed Neu presented to SCORS on his task force's exploration of various RIM systems. RIM software is subscription based and has the ability to support the tenure and promotion process, annual activity reporting, biosketch development, and multi-disciplinary collaboration. Several colleges have communicated interest in RIM systems. SCORS recognizes the benefits of a RIM system, but feels a campus-wide system should be implemented that is selected for functionality while reducing the burden placed on faculty.

Resolution: SCORS requests a Provost endorsed investigation of Research Information Management Systems with an established and communicated timeline for investigation. The selected software should meet criteria established by the investigating team.

IDC 2.5% and Fringe

Dr. Dore met with Stephanie Gray regarding the new F&A (indirect) rates. The On-campus Research rate increases from 50% to 52.5% and all proposals must use the new F&A rates, with the 2.5% covered by the P.I. In the case of NIH grants, DSP has contacted the funding agency to request changes in costs covered. In all cases, the NIH has said yes. NSF may require extra paperwork for approval. This change in IDC affects one cycle, though-out the life of the grant. Ultimately, both the IDC changes and recent changes to fringe rates are accepted by SCORS as infrastructure costs with some avenues available for reducing the burden. SCORS requested information on how many PIs are affected and the total amount for year 1 that the PIs have to cover, but there is no way to evaluate that impact.

Animal Research: Office of Research and Task Force

Following on the heels of last year's Human Subject Research Task Force, an Animal Research Taskforce has been created to garner feedback from researchers who work with animals and to make recommendations. The committee has 15 members, 11 of which are faculty, and a survey was created and closed on the 15th of September with 377 responses. The taskforce is focused on the big picture and the final report is due in January. Irene will present to SCORS in February on the recommended action items. There was also a request for Stephanie Gray to provide a report of the action items from the Human Subject Research Taskforce at the next SCORS meeting. Irene will explore whether the final report(s) can be shared with SCORS.

University Libraries Committee

ULC is working with CHORUS on a pilot initiative to identify articles written by UF researchers in an effort the academic community comply with the UF funder public access requirements.

ULC is encouraging each faculty member to create ORCID identifiers. SCORS has requested brief (2-3 lines) language distributed that communicates the value of ORCID identifiers and the steps for ID creation. This language will be distributed to the council for further distribution to departments.

ULC presented on the Open Access Publishing Fund and previous efforts to fund. SCORS asked questions regarding who has utilized the fund, at what point during the year the fund was expended, and how much was funded. Discussions included the importance of a fund for junior faculty and the need to distribute the funds across disciplines (a selection process rather than first come-first serve). SCORS discussed a possible proposition to request faculty fund at 50% with 50% from the Provost. The Dean of the Libraries will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the fund and possibilities for funding.

Additional Topics

There was a request to explore blocking email spam from predatory journals, as the volume of daily emails for some faculty is heavy and the fact that junior faculty are unaware the predatory nature of the journals. Val and Sylvain forwarded a list of predatory journals to Chris Easley and Mark McCallister for further discussion.

Postponed:

- Academic Freedom and Responsibility discussion
- Multi-institutional Grant Support

