

Research & Scholarship Council Minutes
September 1, 2016 1:00
Marston Science Library L-136

Attendees:
Angela Bacsik
Avni Bhatt
Sylvain Dore
Gillian Lord
Valrie Minson
Jorg Peters

Valrie Minson opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and the April minutes were approved.

Discuss goals for upcoming year:

IRB Training Module

SCORS will discuss at a future meeting how to evaluate the IRB training module.

Multi-institutional grant support

The Chair of Faculty Senate requested SCORS explore whether faculty are prepared to serve as P.I.s on multi-institutional grants. Is there a need for project management training? SCORS thought project management software would be helpful. There was also mention that reading payroll and fiscal reports can be challenging. What other challenges exist? There was general agreement that a ½ day workshop might not be utilized or helpful, but perhaps offer online trainings. Additionally, SCORS needed clarification on what drove the question. What skills are people lacking?

Academic Freedom and Responsibility

SCORS members will review prior to the next meeting. In late October there will be a campus-wide panel on Academic Freedom and Responsibility. The FS Chair has asked that SCORS review the Academic Freedom and Responsibilities document and comment on areas requiring clarification. SCORS members will read and comment at the next meeting. Dr. Welt was an invited guest speaker to share his thoughts on academic freedom and responsibility (shared documents URL). He hoped UF wouldn't define anew the concepts of academic freedom and responsibility and shared the University of Chicago Dean of Students letter and a thefire.org adapted resolution for UF. There was a discussion about the professor vs. the curriculum committee and the differences between limiting discourse and providing warnings prior to discourse. Prior to the next meeting, Dr. Welt will compare the UF regulations to the proposed resolution and share his comments with the Chair via email. SCORS would explore the AAUP as another source for a similar document (legal history; Academic Freedom of professors and institutions). Before the next meeting, the Council should read the academic freedom and responsibility document as well as the resolution. Compare what is different between the two. It was proposed we invite the Dean of Students to the next meeting (Jen Shaw). Additionally, we can provide the resolution as an information item at a future FS meeting.

University Library Committee

Angela introduced the work of the ULC and said the process of shifting reporting structure to SCORS will take a full year. There are ongoing facilities issues and questions that will report up through

infrastructure. Other issues appropriate to SCORS are changes in the Elsevier project and extending to other CHORUS publishers, such as Wiley (in the future). Authors of funded projects will be assisted in compliance reporting. Angela will identify a faculty ULC member to report at SCORS meetings when she has schedule conflicts. Future topics to be discussed include DSP funding and Open Access funding.

Other Topics

Academic Analytics: revisit having Provost Glover present to Faculty Senate on the unit-level uses of Academic Analytics. The Academic Deans are revisiting the uses of Research Information Management Systems (such as Pure or Symplectic) that may assist with faculty reporting. This would perhaps be a topic for a future meeting.