

Research & Scholarship Council Report 2016-2017

Submitted by Valrie Minson, Chair, SCORS

Roster for 2016-2017:

- Dimitri Bourilkov, Physics
- Sylvain Dore, Anesthesiology
- Edith Kaan, Linguistics
- Gillian Lord, Spanish and Portuguese Studies
- Valrie Minson, Marston Science Library
- Jorg Peters, Computer Information Science
- Avni Bhatt, Student
- Angela Baccik, University Libraries Committee Representative
- 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 Freedom and Responsibility

SCORS met with Dr. Bruce Welt to share his thoughts on academic freedom and responsibility. The Council requested feedback on changes that would strengthen the UF Academic Freedom and Responsibility document.

IDC 2.5% and Fringe Discussion

The Council met with representatives from the Office of Research to learn more about the increase in on-campus research rates. Ultimately, both the IDC changes and recent changes to fringe rates were accepted by SCORS as infrastructure costs with some avenues available for reducing the burden.

Campus-wide training offerings for Primary Investigators of multi-institutional grants

The Council assessed availability of trainings for P.I.s of multi-institutional grants. The trainings offered through UFHR are comprehensive, but SCORS agreed there may be a gap in offerings related to project management software. Further exploration led to the development of a survey to explore campus-wide interest in Project Management Software (such as Basecamp) and of Electronic Lab Notebook software. The Council is working with UF Information Technology on acquiring campus-wide license pricing and to discuss the need communicated by the survey responses.

Assessing the CITI IRB-02 training

The Council met with the Office of Research about the challenges of utilizing the IRB-02 CITI training. The final recommendation was to place the NIH IRB-02 training in a more prominent location and require the PI to send the certificate to the IRB office.

General training recommendation

The Council provided feedback on a training recommendation document developed by another council.

Academic Analytics

The Council has assigned a representative, Dr. Sylvain Dore, to participate in upcoming implementation meetings of the Academic Analytics Research Expertise Discovery Suite (REDS) system. This system will provide an interface showcasing UF collaborations and will be implemented in the 2017 summer.

Research Information Management Systems

Research Information Management Systems software provide vendor solutions in support of faculty data gathering process that relate to the Tenure and Promotion process, annual activity reporting, and other efforts. The Council recommended a task force be created by the Provost to explore a campus-wide solution, but at the final May meeting the Council will meet with Angel Kwolleck-Folland to learn more about local development of the Online Promotion and Tenure process before submitting a final recommendation.

Open Access Publishing Fund

The Council presented at the November Steering Committee meeting on the value of the Open Access Publishing Fund. The Council confirmed support and presented at the Faculty Senate meeting in order to request restoration of funding. The fund was reinstated at \$120,000/year for 4 years. This topic will be revisited in the new academic year to discuss any possible improvements in the 2018 implementation.

Increased funding for the UF Libraries

The Council presented to Faculty Senate a resolution to increase funding for the Libraries. The resolution passed the Faculty Senate and stated that 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.

Office of Technology Licensing (OTL)

David Day, Assistant Vice President and Director of Office of Technology Licensing, presented on the mission of the three offices he oversees. The OTL bridges the gap between the university and the marketplace. 350 invention disclosures a year at UF with 2/3 of the inventions patented. UF ranks in the Top Ten of Public AAU Universities in most categories. Mission is threefold: 1) faculty service, 2) put technologies in play in the marketplace, and 3) economic development for making the world a better place. UF has about ~500 active deals open. The 11th Annual Celebration of Innovation will take place on April 4th, 2017 with a biomed track and an investor track, to match investors with inventors. Attendees pay \$79.00. Recommendations from OTL is to 1) be David Day's friend of Facebook and 2) that the University needs to come up with a couple million to nurture ideas.

University Library Committee presented several topics:

- A recommendation for all faculty to create ORCID identifiers. The Council voted in favor of supporting the recommendation.
- Increased funding for the UF Libraries. The Council presented to Faculty Senate a resolution to increase funding for the Libraries. The resolution passed the Faculty Senate and stated that 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.

Topics also discussed:

- An Animal Research Taskforce has been created to garner feedback from researchers who work with animals. The Office of Research will present to the Council in the new academic year.
- Predatory Journals are a challenge for new faculty, but education is the only possible approach. Saira Hasnain, Associate CIO and Senior Director of Enterprise Infrastructure and Operations, outlined the technical difficulties of blocking predatory journals from email. The Council requested that the Scholarly Communications Librarian periodically disseminate information to the UF community about the predatory nature of these journals.
- Office of Research's effort to inventory research related equipment. Equipment is purchased all over campus. Some units are willing to share their equipment, other units may allow limited sharing (but might be unsure how to bill usage), and units not interested in sharing. The Office of Research will be spearheading an inventory project in the upcoming year.
- Social media trends, led by Nicole Yucht in Office of Communications
- Pilot project to look at travel support provided to the UF community

Possible items for next year's agenda:

- Research Information Management Discussion
- Resources for communicating science to the public
- UF Foundation Expertise shared with the larger UF community (creating endowed professorship positions, raising funds, understanding Foundation accounts)
- Animal Research Taskforce: Update on progress
- Status of Office of Research's Inventory of Research Related Equipment project
- Open Access Publishing Fund distribution for 2017