

FY2016 RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date, Time, & Place: 07 Oct 2015, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Regionalist Room, Kansas Union

Members Present: Bill Staples, Pam Lach, Alexander Moise, Atanas Stefanov, Yvonne Chen, Dan Spencer, Belinda Sturm, Rodolfo Torres

The committee discussed the charges and made the following decisions:

Standing Charges:

1. Monitor the administration of the General Research Fund (GRF) and make recommendations, as needed, to ensure its effectiveness and appropriate utilization. Report to FacEx concerning actions taken with respect to this charge by 03/05/16.
- The committee was informed that the two changes to the GRF procedures suggested by this committee last year was approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and were forwarded to Rodolfo Torres, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, for consideration and/or implementation.
 - The committee agreed to continue monitoring the administration of the General Research Fund (GRF) and make recommendations, as needed.
 2. Monitor the execution of the University's Restricted Research Policy (Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations, Article IX) in handling requests for exceptions.
 - **Mahbub Rashid** volunteered to attend the Faculty Senate Restricted Research Committee as ex-officio. He will update the committee on the execution of the University's Restricted Research Policy in handling requests for exceptions.
 3. Serve as the body to hear faculty appeals of research rejected by the restricted research committee or by the Vice Provost for Research, as specified in the Restricted Research Policy.
 - The committee agreed to serve as the body to hear faculty appeals of research rejected by the restricted research committee or by the Vice Provost for Research, as specified in the Restricted Research Policy, as needed. There was no further discussion on the charge.
 4. Monitor the implementation of policies and procedures for determining which proposals will go forward in cases where the number of grant applications that may be submitted from the University is limited. Identify problems or concerns, and report issues and recommendations to FacEx.
 - Regarding this charge, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Rodolfo Torres told the committee that there is a policy on "Institutional Endorsement of Proposals when Submissions are Limited by External Funding Agency." The policy can be found at this link: <http://policy.ku.edu/research/institutional-endorsement>. Associate Vice Chancellor Torres also told the committee that so far there have been no issues and concerns with the policy. He has agreed to inform the committee if there are any concerns or issues with the policy.
 5. Continue working with the ACEC (Academic Computing and Electronic Communications) Committee to process needs for and issues with computing and telecommunications for research, including recommendations for sustainable policies and procedures and monitoring ongoing and new developments in IT. Report issues and recommendations to FacEx as needed.
 - **Yvonne Chen** agreed to get in touch with Perry Alexander (palexand@ku.edu), the Chair of ACEC, to discuss issues with computing and telecommunications for research.

Specific charges:

- 1 Conduct three-year review of the GRF in Spring 2016.
- The committee will review the 2013 FRSC GRF Review Report (Attached) to develop a framework for the 2016 review. For now, **Mahbub Rashid** has agreed to develop a draft framework for review by the committee in the next FRSC meeting.
 2. Continue to consider issues related to the use of current systems for external evaluations of the University and internal research evaluations for departments, programs, and faculty. Explore how these metrics are impacting faculty research, research opportunities, and the understanding of faculty research profiles.
 - The committee considered the current systems for external evaluations of the University and internal research evaluations for departments, programs, and faculty; and decided to explore how PRO (Professional Record On-line) impacting faculty research, research opportunities, and the understanding of faculty research profiles.
 - **Bill Staples** has agreed to develop a set of questions for a survey on PRO for departmental chairs. After reviewing and revising these questions, the committee will send them out to departmental chairs for their responses.
 3. Review how the university's development of faculty entrepreneurship programs relates to faculty productivity. Consider how faculty entrepreneurship activities are evaluated. Report to FacEx by **January 1, 2016**.
 - **Alexander Moise, Atanas Stefanov, and Belinda Sturm** have agreed to look at the school level policies, when available, to explore how entrepreneurial activities affect faculty productivity, and how these activities are evaluated by the schools. They are expected to report back to the committee in the next FRSC meeting.

The committee decided to meet on **Fridays from 8:00-9:00 am** for any future meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, Oct 30**.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mahbub Rashid
(Chair, FRSC)