Committee on Research Approved Minutes
January 22, 2015
SA 4600 A
2-3:50

Members Present: Sarah Taylor (Chair), Jenny O, Khal Schneider, Jean Moran, Shubha Kashinath, Stephanie Couch, Lynn Eudey, Gretchen Keer

Members Absent: Brian Du, Jeff Seitz

Guest: Jiangsheng Guo

1. Approval of the Agenda
   a. Motion Eudey, Second O
   b. Approved: Unanimous

2. Approval of Minutes 1/8/15
   a. Motion O, Second Kashinath
   b. Approved: 7-0, 1 abstention

3. Report of the Chair
   a. ExCom meeting of 1/20/15:
      i. 14-15 CR 2 (Formation of an ad hoc Grant Committee Review Subcommittee). ExCom approved amending CR Policy And Procedures Article IV pending change in terminology from “ad hoc” to “special subcommittee” throughout the document.
      ii. 14-15 CR 3 (Suggested Edits to Committee on Research Policies and Procedures) amending CR Policies and Procedures Article III, Section 3. ExCom did not approve; amendment requires a vote of the university at large. CR Discussed this and agreed to table it until all CR members could be present. ExCom also noted that per the University By-Laws for CR, the CR Chair cannot apply for any grants that are reviewed by the special subcommittee, because the CR Chair is an Ex Officio member of all special and standing sub-committees. Changing this would require a vote of the university at large as well. CR Members agreed not to pursue this change at this time.

4. Report of the Presidential Appointee
   a. Provost wants to discuss a strategic plan for research as committee formulates said plan. Committee agrees. Provost will be invited to attend the next meeting.
   b. Research Lounge update.
   c. PI meeting February 10, 2015
   d. FSG workshop February 4, 2015
   e. Week of Scholarship in April. Planning to begin.
   f. ORSP
      i. Staffing updates.
ii. Restructuring of grant budget reporting through peoplesoft to make it sync with major granting institutions’ report formatting.
iii. Software updates for greater transparency
iv. Hiring guide for PIs nearing completion

5. Old Business:
   a. 13-14 BAS 4: Charge to Update 13-14 CR 1 Revised
      i. Discussion of how and when to update. How and what kind of data to gather. Discussion of inviting the Provost to give an update before committee reports.
   b. Survey of new faculty. Committee will review last year’s and revise it for this year.
      i. Discussion of how to get data on current state of research on campus.
   c. Strategic Planning for Research (2011)
   d. Research Lounge (Guest: Jiangsheng Guo)
      1. Working with Office of Faculty Development in effort to restore a “research climate” and “university-wide community” on campus. Meeting at an established time and place to discuss faculty research, twice a quarter. Hopefully establishing a faculty club. Has met already once at Faculty Development Center.
         a. Discussion of the importance of a physical setting conducive to collegial discussions. Discussion of finding such a place on campus and on line. Possibilities for allocating resources for a faculty club.
         b. Discussion of referral to COBRA on need for faculty research lounge. Unanimous agreement to send the referral. Sarah will draft this and send to CR for review.

6. Adjourn at 3:50