Committee on Research APPROVED Minutes
February 12, 2015
SA 4600A
2-3:50

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

Absent: Brian Du, Jean Moran

Guest: Sophie Rollins

1. Agenda
   a. Motion Eudey; second O
   b. Vote: Unanimous
2. Minutes of January 22
   a. Motion Keer; second Eudey
   b. Vote: 7-0, one abstaining
3. Report of the Chair
   a. Call for FSG review committee went out. 6 potential reviewers responded.
   b. Held workshops for FSGs, student research competition
4. Report of the Presidential Appointee
   a. PI Quarterly Meeting convened last week.
      i. Discussed implementing new communications strategy
         1. Discussion of grants activity on campus, developing future opportunities for grants (NIH, for example)
5. Business
   a. Provost Houpis
      i. 13-14 BAS 4: Charge to update 13-14 CR 1 Revised
      ii. Strategic Planning for Research
         1. Discussion of "2015 Academic Affairs Report on the Implementation of the Research Strategic Planning Task Force Report" Point 3 “align college and departmental RTP policies and practices with current Senate policies regarding research and other scholarly activities.”
            a. Provost suggests departments should develop their own criteria relevant to their disciplines.
         2. CR suggests need for more data on grants activity
            a. New director of IR will implement well-designed web interface with research data dashboards.
      iii. General discussion of issues involving research on campus
         1. Ways to encourage faculty to pursue external grants
2. Ways to gather data on what researchers are most in need of
3. Semester conversion course load and possibilities for course release for external grant holders
4. Hiring of post-docs as PIs; revising campus policy to allow it
5. Exploring policies from other campus for salary increase for exceptionally successful grant writers
6. Maintaining communication between Provost and CR
7. Redrafting the job ad for AVP of Research.

b. Rubric for review of individual FSGs
   i. CR member O will compose draft of this year’s rubric and present to CR for input and approval

c. Research Lounge
   i. Draft referral will go to COBRA

6. Adjourned at 3:50