Committee on Research

APPROVED Minutes

April 14, 2016 2:00-3:45 pm

Present: Jeff Seitz, Jenny O, Sarah Taylor, Brian Du, Jean Moran, Kate Bell, Jeffra Bussmann, Helen Zhong, Stephanie Couch

1. Approval of agenda for today: Jeff moves, Jean seconds, unanimous approval
2. Approval of minutes of 3/10/16: Jeffra moves, Sarah seconds, unanimous approval
3. Report of chair:
   a. Special grant review committee formed and met – no ‘hard’ science member, but proposals have been assigned for review.
      i. There have been a couple of glitches with Info-Ready
      ii. Process will be completed in Google Drive
   b. Faculty-scholar program will be revisited at open forum; FAC would like to move forward – Sarah communicating with Jim Murray
   c. There has been a request for an extension of an FSG (difficulty in obtaining required software) – vote to approve extension was unanimous
4. Report of Presidential appointee:
   a. Kevin Brown presented memo from CR about membership on IRB; Ex Comm felt current process is appropriate, vacancies should go into Academic Affairs Newsletter
   b. Other report items will come up under Open Forum discussion
5. Kate Bell reported on Workload Task Force update
   a. Independent Study – questions about required IS and/or only allowing if graduation is expected within 2 terms; committee stated that student research (w/ IS) is a high impact practice and most beneficial if it takes place early on in students’ career. Limit of WTUs per AY is probably necessary for IS, but not for thesis.
   b. Decision regarding WTUs for special registrations should not be left to Dept chairs, as they may not control budget, etc.
6. Open forum May 12
   a. Zed Mason is confirmed
   b. Have already had RSVPs
   c. Food covered by Provost
   d. Next CR meeting April 28th – Sarah will lead some training for facilitators
   e. The three topics for small groups are: i)Faculty workload/RTP and research; ii)transforming undergrad and grad research culture and curricula; iii)supporting faculty research
   f. Need a few broad questions to lead group discussion – could be based on a reading for participants
   g. Facilitator assignments: i)Helen, Kate, Brian; ii)Jeff, Jenny; iii)Sarah, Jean