

Research Council Meeting

December 10, 2014

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Blount Hall

Room A004

FINAL

Attendees

Tina Shepardson (Chair)	Sadie Hutson
Benjamin Auerbach	Rebecca Klenk
Chris Boake	Lisa Mullikin
Ian Down	Janet Nelson
Bill Dunne	Jenny Onley, GSS
Taylor Eighmy	Micheline Van Riemsdijk
Joanne Hall	Dawnie Steadman
Irene Hanning-Jarquin	Kenton Yeager

Guest

Chris Eaker, Carol Malkemus, Robert Nobles, and John Zomchick

Welcome and Remarks by the Chair – Tina Shepardson

Tina Shepardson thanked everyone for coming to the December Research Council Meeting.

Approval of minutes from September, October, November

This is the first meeting this academic year that a quorum was present to vote on the minutes. Tina Shepardson presented the September, October, and November, 2014, minutes for questions, suggestions, and/or changes and none were offered. The September 10, 2014, October 8, 2014, and November 12, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

Qualitative Data Sharing – Chris Eaker (Library)

Micheline Van Riemsdijk introduced Chris Eaker, Assistant Professor in the Library. Chris Eaker received his BA from Georgia Institute of Technology and his Masters from the University of Tennessee. Chris Eaker gave a presentation titled “Points of Access: Integrating Digital Scholarship Services across the Research Life Cycle”. Some of the topics discussed were how the Library can support research data, keep data private, and keep it public; where Digital Humanities, Data Curation, and other Digital Scholarship Librarians can best assist users; and assistance offered by OIT.

Total Research Expenditures – Taylor Eighmy and John Zomchick

Taylor Eighmy gave a presentation titled “An Update on the Institutional Fund Contributions to NSF Total Research Expenditures (TREs)”. TREs are defined as: TRE = Federal Research Expenditures (FREs) + State/Local + Business + Nonprofit + Institutional Funds. Taylor Eighmy discussed the definition of National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). This is being implemented to focus on an important Top 25 metric, to ultimately reflect accurately actual campus effort dedicated to research/scholarship/creative activity

across all disciplines, to level the playing field in competition with Top 25 schools that fully report institutional funds towards their total research expenditures (TREs), to protect our current Carnegie RU/VH research activity classification, and to help our Lombardi CMUP ranking (and our USN&WR reputational component). The top 10 institutional fund expenditures for FY12, NACUBO's account method for NSF data reporting, and our overall approach were also discussed. John Zomchick joined in these discussions.

Business

Committee updates

Center Review Committee – Kenton Yeager announced that all four center reviews for fall semester have been completed. There are three centers scheduled to be reviewed for the spring semester.

Update on conversations about IRB, IBC, iMedris – Tina Shepardson

The conversations with the Institutional Review Board (IRB) continue to be productive. Many of the questions that have been raised by members of the council have been addressed. Robert Nobles is teaming with members of the council to organize an outside speaker to come to campus to provide training session on IRB structure and function.

New Business

Speaker suggestions

Taylor Eighmy suggested asking Sally Morris to talk about Foundation Engagement.
Janet Nelson agreed to speak at the January Research Council Meeting about NIH Initiatives.

Meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.
Minutes taken by Jane Taylor