

COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

March 4, 2015

325 Burruss Conference Room

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Minutes

Attendee: France Belanger (Chair), Randy Wynne (Vice Chair), Ben Knapp, Tom Inzana, Srinath Ekkad, Nathan Hall, Iuliana Lazar, Annie Pearce, Barbara Lockee, Scott Klopfer, Sue Teel, Tara Reel, Jennifer Irish (for Jesus de la Garza), Chris Lawrence, Regina Allen (for Jewell Trent), Jonah Fogel, Dennis Dean and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Cheryl Carrico, Jake Tully, Paul Knox, Adrian Ares, Alan Grant, and Robert Vogelaar.

Guest: Ken Miller, Martin Daniel, Sandra Muse and 4 Graduate Students from EDHE 6304.

- I. Approval of the Agenda – A motion was made and the agenda was approved.
- II. Announcements
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of February 11, 2015 – The meeting minutes were approved online.
 - b. Vice President for Research and Innovation Search Committee – F. Belanger reported the committee will have meetings soon to discuss the applicant pool with the search firm. There will be face to face interviews at the end of March and COR will meet with the candidates on April 14, 21 and 27 with a reception to follow.
 - c. COR Member Selected to Virginia Tech Intellectual Properties (VTIP) Board of Director – F. Belanger reported Ben Knapp was selected to represent COR for a three year term. She thanked all COR members who volunteered.
 - d. Request for Input on Attributes of New Provost – S. Ekkad reported the search committee had two town hall meetings that were not well attended. The committee is asking that if you have suggestions or comments to please send them to provostsearch@vt.edu. Paul Knox is the point of contact at Virginia Tech and you may submit any information you have to him as well at knox@vt.edu. A search firm has been hired to assist.
 - e. Introductions – F. Belanger introduced non-regular guests.
 - f. COR April 8 Meeting – F. Belanger reminded COR members that John Rudd will present on April 8.
- III. Unfinished Business
 - a. Report of Ongoing Activities
 - i. University Library Committee – N. Hall reported there was a pipe that burst outside of the ICAT studios. Fortunately, there was not any damage. No new money is in the new budget for collections other than the \$30,000 a month inflation cost to keep what we already have.
 - ii. Centers and Institutes Update – No Report
 - iii. Research Faculty Initiatives
 1. HR Sub-committee – No Report
 - iv. Research Administration – M. Daniel reported that the OSP website's section on Research Administration will continue to be available for faculty and staff. The first module of the new system, called "Summit", dealing with the pre-award phase of proposals is being piloted in OSP. The pilot phase

will end soon and OSP will start using it for all pre-award management. The next phase of development is the PI Portal which will impact faculty. By May this portal should be in demo phase with a July 1 target that this will become the university's system for handling and routing proposals. This should replace the STL system that is currently in use. The team is working with STL to retain some of the history currently stored in the system. The new system is very user friendly with easy to follow navigation. "Help" boxes, and on-line videos will support training needs. There will also be some classroom based training for the super users, business managers and or program managers.

- b. First Reading of Recommended Revisions to Policy 13015 Ownership and Control of Research Results, COR Resolution FY2014-15B – R. Wynne presented recommendations for revisions to policy 13015 and a resolution for approval. A discussion ensued to explain the changes and several suggestions were made and noted for consideration. A second reading is planned for the next meeting.
- c. First Reading of Recommended Revisions to Policy 13020, Misconduct in Research regarding Self-Plagiarism, COR Resolution FY2014-15A – F. Belanger reported that Self-Plagiarism is considered unethical behavior but not research misconduct. A document was discussed that reflects the changes that were discussed in previous meetings and the committee. A short discussion ensued regarding the use of "reuses" versus "presents" in defining self-plagiarism.
- d. COR Committee on Research Needs – I. Lazar reported that the survey went out to approximately 1700 faculty. To date there have been 224 responses with trends already visible. The survey will be sent to Extension Agents with the deadline extended to March 20.

IV. New Business

Srinath Ekkad reported on the Intellectual Property Policy per Dr. Sands. The purpose is to make the campus more attractive to entrepreneurship. The language in the policy is being revised and will be shared with other commissions. The revised policy enables students to keep their IP and is more accommodating to creativity on campus. Dr. Sands will attend the VTIP Board meeting in June, to discuss his ideas and goals.

V. Adjournment: 4:52PM