

COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

Minutes

May 14, 2014

325 Burruss Conference Room

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Attendee: France Belanger (Vice Chair) by phone, Jewell Trent, Michael Bertelsen, Bill Knocke, Nathan Hall, Martin Daniel (for Bob Walters), Mike Akers, Ben Knapp, Jonah Fogel, Chris Lawrence, Anita Puckett, and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Iuliana Lazar, Jacob Randall, Annie Pearce, Paul Knox, Lay Nam Chang, Lenny Grant, Sue Teel, Tom Inzana, Chema de la Garza and Randy Wynne.

Guest: Peggy Layne, Ken Miller, Sandra Muse, John Fike and Tyler Walters

- I. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

- II. Announcements
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to post the minutes of April 9, 2014. The motion carried.
 - b. University Council approved COR Resolution FY2013-14A on April 21, 2014 following a second reading.
 - c. Commission members were asked to place the FY2014-15 meetings dates on their calendars. The schedule was listed at the bottom of the day's agenda.

- III. Unfinished Business
 - a. Report of Ongoing Activities
 - i. University Library Committee – N. Hall reported the bids for building ICAT Studios came in too high. This project is now on hold. The Library is hiring a software data consultant expanding the software development team. There will be continued work on removal of books to storage. Materials that are reaccessioned are books that have not been in circulation for a while.
 - ii. Centers and Institutes Update
 1. W. Knocke reported he had formally approved and chartered two new research centers, the Center for Renewable Energy & Aerodynamic Testing (CREATe), and Synergistic Environments for Experimental Computing Center (SEEC).
 2. Resolution 13005 – Following a review by Internal Audit of Resolution 13005, changes were made to reflect follow up to the last review and what actions did the center take to respond to the issues. Changes made include the following: 3.4.b (2) A report on actions taken in response to the most recent director performance review as appropriate. 3.5.a (4) The Review Committee will consider and report on any prior center review recommendations and actions taken by the center director and/or the center administrator to address those recommendations. 3.5.a (7) insert “the Vice President and” the Commission in the relevant mission area. A motion was made and approved to make the changes to the wording.

- iii. Research Faculty Initiatives
 - 1. HR Sub-committee – M. Akers briefed the commission on the progress and potential timeline of the final report to be completed. It is intended to report the recommendations to COR in Fall 2014.
 - 2. Election and Timeline Process for New Research Faculty COR Members – S. Muse reported on the timeline planned for the election of two research faculty members to two new seats on the Commission on Research. Handout of timeline was provided.
 - iv. Research Administration – No Report
 - b. Update on Model Language for Research Data Management Policies – N. Hall reported last October he discussed a document with the Commission, which was endorsed by Southern University Research Association, covering the University Research Data Policy with the goal to be proactive with a high level policy for responsible data planning. Hall reported the possible need to update Policy 13015 to address some of these changes. The subject was discussed with Terry Herdman, Associate Dean for Research Computing, who spoke with Scott Midkiff, VP for IT, and agreed there is not a group discussing policy and infrastructure for research data. No recommendations were given. Hall recommended updating Policy 13015 to reflect recent and ongoing sponsored research data.
 - c. Commitment Request for Funding of Library Collections and Spaces – Tyler Walters referred to a letter which was presented in the last meeting. The letter had been sent out to the committee asking that they come to this meeting prepared to discuss any questions they may have. The floor was turned over to John Fike who indicated the Library was seeking support for needs identified by the Library Committee such as greater use of the facility, a great desire for learning and work spaces, and the need to integrate the space the Library has that is organized or used by other entities of the University. Collections issues are a constant issue as well as the need for facilities planning. There is no ongoing planning for library space for learning and research by students or faculty. There is not any space dedicated to faculty. VTCRI has added needs but they have not given support to help with materials needed. France Belanger will draft a letter documenting the support from the COR.
- IV. New Business
- a. Topics for Discussion by COR in FY2014-15 – F. Belanger
 - i. F. Belanger will ask the President, Dr. Timothy Sands and the Provost, Dr. Mark McNamee to meet with the COR.
 - ii. Review and Update of Research Policy No. 13015 Ownership and Control of Research Results
 - iii. Discussion of Safety Protocols in Laboratories
 - iv. Research Policy No.13020 Misconduct in Research – T. Inzana
 - b. Recommendations for Vice-Chair for FY2014-15 – A motion was made and seconded for Randy Wynne to be the Vice-Chair of COR for FY2014-15. The motion carried.
- V. Adjournment – 4:52pm