COMMISSION ON RESEARCH
Minutes
November 13, 2013
325 Burruss Conference Room
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Attendee: Jesus de la Garza (Chair), France Belanger (Vice Chair), Jewell Trent, Michael Bertelsen, Iuliana Lazar, Bill Knocke, Sue Teel, Nathan Hall, Tom Inzana, Martin Daniel (for Bob Walters), Elizabeth Grant (for Annie Pearce), Mike Akers, Lenny Grant, Randy Wynne and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Ben Knapp, Chris Lawrence, Paul Knox, Jacob Randall, Jonah Fogel, Anita Puckett, and Lay Nam Chang,

Guest: Sandra Muse

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

II.   Announcements
   a.   March 2014 Meeting Date Changed to March 19, 2014 – J. de la Garza reported the March meeting has been changed again from March 5, to March 19, 2014 to allow more time for the HR Sub-committee to prepare a resolution for first ready by the Commission.
   b.   Posting of the Minutes of October 9, 2013 – J. de la Garza - A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes. The motion carried.

III.   Unfinished Business
   a.   Report of Ongoing Activities
      i.   University Library Committee – N. Hall reported that the University Library did meet, but that there was not anything new to report.
      ii.   Centers and Institutes Update – W. Knocke reported the hiring of STL (Systems Technology Laboratories) by Office of Research to develop a website related to centers and university level institutes
      iii.   Research Faculty Initiatives.
         1.   HR Sub-committee – M. Akers reported that the sub-committee has had two meetings. In order to make it easier to get more work done, they have divided into three sub-groups: mentoring and professional development; governance and bridge funding; and compensation issues. All three subcommittees have met and hope to have materials ready to report to the Commission after the first of the year.
      iv.   Research Administration – M. Daniel reported the technical team is rebuilding because several IT people have left. The Vice President for Information Technology has assigned Carl Harris, chief technology

architect, to provide technical leadership for the project. The team will be assessing staffing needs and will fill positions in the near future. The PI Financial Statement is now finished and available through the research portal. It has not yet been widely publicized, but all faculty have access to the system using their current PID. Faculty who have used the site to view their finances have had positive responses.

IV.   Adjournment
  a.   A motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried at 3:45 p.m.