

## **COMMISSION ON RESEARCH**

May 13, 2015

325 Burruss Conference Room

3:30pm – 5:00pm

### **Minutes**

Attendee: France Belanger (Chair), Randy Wynne (Vice Chair), Srinath Ekkad, Sandra Muse (for Dennis Dean), Iuliana Lazar, Tom Inzana, Annie Pearce, Sue Teel, Ashley Francis (for Tara Reel), Jennifer Irish (for Jesus de la Garza), Regina Allen (for Jewell Trent), Cheryl Carrico, Alan Grant, Robert Vogelaar and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Barbara Lockee, Jake Tully, Jonah Fogel, Adrian Ares, Scott Klopfer, Paul Knox, Ben Knapp, Chris Lawrence, and Nathan Hall.

Guest: Ken Miller, Peggy Layne and Mike Akers.

- I. Approval of the Agenda – A motion was made and the agenda was approved.
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. Approval of the Minutes of April 8, 2015 – The meeting minutes were approved electronically.
  - b. Interviews with VPRI Candidates are Complete – F. Belanger reported the COR made a recommendation. The search committee will know a couple of hours before the announcement.
  - c. University Council Approval of COR Policy Resolutions – F. Belanger reported the three COR resolutions, 2014-15A, 2014-15B, and 2014-15C were approved by University Council and now are before the BOV.
  - d. Elections Underway for 2<sup>nd</sup> Research Faculty Seat to COR – S. Muse reported she received several nominations. A ballot will go out to research faculty (minus the postdocs) to complete the election process.
  - e. Reminder to Schedule FY2015-16 COR Meetings – F. Belanger reported that the schedule can be found at the bottom of the agenda.
  - f. Selection of Vice Chair for FY2015-16 Deferred – F. Belanger reported no nominations were received for the Vice Chair position for 2015-16. Randy Wynne will send out a call again for nominations in early August and a vote will take place in September.
  
- III. Unfinished Business
  - a. Report of Ongoing Activities
    - i. University Library Committee – No Report
    - ii. Centers and Institutes Update – S. Ekkad reported that he just received a charter for VT-Stem for review. This center will be housed in ICAT, under Ben Knapp and ran by Sue Magliaro.

- iii. Research Faculty Initiatives
  - 1. HR Sub-committee – M. Akers stated several members of the sub-committee formed smaller groups to address specific areas of concern. He gave a brief overview of observations and recommendations (see report attached for details).
- iv. Research Administration – No report
- b. COR Committee on Research Needs – I. Lazar informed the commission that the committee's report had been finalized and gave an overview (final report attached). It would be presented to Interim VP for Research, Dennis Dean who would forward it to Dr. Sands (as requested).

#### IV. New Business

- a. Suggestions for Topics for FY2015-16 – F. Belanger asked for topics to discuss for the following year.
  - i. Restricted Access to Data Sets
  - ii. Best Practices for Internal Survey Distribution
  - iii. Compliance Overreach
- b. Recognition of 3 Years of Service – The commission recognized Iuliana Lazar, Tom Inzana and Chris Lawrence for their service to COR.
- c. Thank you for volunteers – F. Belanger and the commission appreciates all of the committee members that volunteered for different committees during the past year.

V. Adjournment                      4:26pm