

Research Council Minutes
August 24th, 2022
3:30pm – 5:00pm

VOTING:

Alison Harmon

Mary Miles

Mary Cloninger

Ron June

Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach

Eric Austin

Molly Secor Turner

Brian Gillespie

Michael Reidy

Sreekala Bajwa

Colin Shaw

Nicole Tuss

Blake Wiedenheft

Carl Yeoman

Elizabeth Olson

Jonmichael Weaver

Amanda Haab

NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie

Chris Kearns

Terry Leist

Robert Mokwa/Durward Sobek

Sandra Sward

Ryan Knutson

Liz Shanahan

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- Introductions and Updates/ Council Representation
 - VP Harmon welcomed the council and asked attendees to introduce themselves:
 - Robert Mokwa, Provost, serves in the RC by position.
 - Nicole Motzer, Director of the Office of Research Development, presenting ORD update today.
 - Sreekala Bajwa, Dean of College of Agriculture, representing the Deans.
 - Colin Shaw, Director of the Undergraduate Scholars Program & Research Faculty in Earth Sciences.
 - Mary Cloninger, Faculty Representative from College of Letters and Science.
 - Elizabeth Olson, representative for All Staff Council.
 - Brent Peyton, Director of Thermal Biology Institute, Faculty in the Chemical & Biological Engineering Department, representing the Centers & Institutes.
 - Nikki Tuss, Associate Director of MilTech and Applied Research Lab, represent all staff council.
 - Ron June, Faculty from the Mechanical Industrial Engineering, representing College of Engineering.
 - Blake Wiedenheft, Faculty from the Microbiology & Cell Biology, originally started as a representative for Faculty Senate.
 - Megan Lasso, Director, Budget Office.
 - Craig Ogilvie, Dean of Graduate school and Associate VP of Research and Economic Development.
 - Molly Secor, Associate Dean for Research, represents College of Nursing.
 - Terry Leist, Vice President for Administration & Finance

- Ryan Knutson- Vice President for IT.
 - Mary Miles, Associate Dean for Research, represents College of Education, Health & Human Development.
 - Amanda Haab, representing ASMSU
 - Sandy Sward, Associate Vice President for Research Administration
 - Liz Shanahan, Associate Vice President for Research Development
 - Michael Brody, Faculty Senate Chair, represents Faculty senate
 - Jayne Morrow, Assistant Vice President for Research and Economic Development- oversees federal relations portfolio.
 - Carl Yeoman, represents College of Agriculture
 - Chris Kearns, Vice President of student success
- Still need representatives from department heads, College of Business, College of Arts & Architecture, President's Advisory Council and Community member.
 - VP Harmon updated on RED structure as now Dean Ogilvie will report to the provost but remains the associate VP. Tawnya Morgan is our new budget director. Mary Pat Lorente changed her role to part time Communication Coordinator, and we are looking for a new office manager.
 - The expenditure updates from FY22- NSF Herd three years data showed unofficial total is over \$200M. This number represented the completion of reporting all the research salaries that paid by state dollars.
 - From 2020-2022 there's a decrease in proposals but increase in new awards opened. This will be changed, as the number of PIs will be increasing next year with the big number of new faculty hired.
 - There have been increases in Federal Funding and Non-Federal Funding. Our current funding sources from this past year, federal accounted for about 89%, private 8% and instate about 3%.
- Vision for 2022-23 (A Harmon)
 - How can we advance research culture in MSU? By integrating and be inclusive. VP Harmon proposed that all faculty identify as researchers as we are doing systematic investigations to make conclusions and to create knowledge and art.
 - We want research enterprise to be a better model for land grant mission. Are we teaching with research? Are we engaging, doing outreach with research? We want to notice research accomplishments and outcomes and publicize those more.
 - Action items for this year:
 - Increasing graduate stipend
 - Continuing to strengthen the research infrastructure
 - Maximize utility of research spaces
 - Leadership development for researchers

- Continue to develop the Office of Research Development/provide additional support, more guidance for faculty and student that are collaborating with tribes.
 - Want to recognize grant awards, but also acknowledge when we have news about impact
 - Working with Dr. Morrow on forming the economic development council
- Office of Research Development Update (L Shanahan and N Motzer)
 - ORD mission is to stimulate research, scholarly, creative activities on campus to support research partnerships and improve the competitiveness.
 - ORD supported 86 service interactions for 70 plus researchers/grant seekers from six of seven colleges plus the Graduate School.
 - Tracy Gatlin is the new assistant director of the Office of Research Development. We are looking to hire again following discussions with VPRED and to the rollout the assessment survey to understand how we can better support researchers.
 - Led MSU's successful proposal to join the ARIS ORIC program and launched the Proposal Enhancement (PEG) Grant Program July 1
 - Serve as MSU's ITHS navigator and headed to Seattle for training.
 - Work with the University Council to officially change limited submission policy to use InfoReady.
 - ORD's upcoming events: Lunch and Learn, Grant writing bootcamp, intro to grants and finding funding, etc. The big event on January 12th next year is Research Development Day. It will be an internal conference with various keynotes and workshops.
- CORE Grant FOA Review (L Shanahan)
 - Dr. Shanahan asked the RC to review changes on the new funding opportunities announcement (FOA) for the Core Facilities Grant Program. The proposals will be submitted through the InfoReady. The RC will be part of the subcommittee to help evaluating the proposals.
- Graduate School Update (C Ogilvie)
 - Dean Ogilvie presented the different ways that the departments can apply to support PhD students and some master's degree students.
 - The University Fellowship now changed to Recruiting Fellowship- \$4,000/year for five years.
 - The Presidential recruiting fellowship - \$1,000/year for two years.
 - Professional Master's Program- Tuition waivers for some master's program.
 - PHD start (GTA, GRA) a.k.a. enhancement award.
 - HASS Fellowship is available in the Humanities and Social Science.
 - Delta award supports GTA with funding.
 - PhD Completion
 - Internal Funds- IRD, 20% return of F&A on GRA stipends, Internal Grants, Fellowships.

- GRAs stipends had an increase of 4.7% from fall 2020. GRAs Stipends vary between departments- increase each department by \$200.
- Housing- Fall 2022- 400 of graduate students in campus housing. Difficulty in finding housing, please contact Craig Ogilvie if you have ideas or suggestions.
- New graduate housing facility? - Multi-story apartment complex, Collaboration spaces, childcare.
- Piloting annual planning form: Empower graduate students: timeline + completion of their degree.
 - Students completes the form. Summarize what they have done.
 - Talk about next steps, the completion timeline.
 - Chair check and give feedback to student on progress and plan.
- IRD Update (A Harmon)
 - VP Harmon updated on the IRD program with the number of participating PIs, how much money was distributed and how much has been expended --which could also be invested and support graduate education.
- Researcher Leadership Needs Assessment (A Harmon)
 - What challenges do Researcher Leaders have and what training and development that we could provide in that area? This item will be discussed at the next RC meeting.
- Setting agenda for 2022-23 (A Harmon)
 - Nikki Tuss brought up how we facilitate some more systematic sharing of strategy in finding and retaining staff across campus.
 - Dean Bajwa asked to discuss more on how to support multi department, multi-institutional grant. Not only create a budget report but to manage budget, maintain their spreadsheet and spending.
 - Dr. Secor brought up some difficulty to find out an official faculty affiliation for other colleges, no policy, criteria and template. She suggested this discussion.
 - Authorship policy- A lot of time this issue comes up. Should have something we could refer to.
 - Recruiting Postdocs and Housing issues.
 - Please send us an email if you could think of more items to discuss.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 29th, 3:30-5pm, President's Conference Room