

Council on Research Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2011
Life Sciences Research Building, Conference Room 1143
9:30 am – 11:30 am

Members present: James Castracane, Kirsten Davison, James Dias, Elizabeth Gaffney, Daniel Goodwin, Daniel Keyser, Robert Nakamura, and Elaine Lasda-Bergman.

Members absent: Michael Amrozowicz, Berhane Araia, Brian Barksdale, Robert Brainard, Vishnu Chaturvedi, Richard Cunningham, Oleksandr Kazakov, Hamilton Lankford, and David Lewis.

Also attending: Theresa Walker and Robert Webster

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council on Research Chair, James Castracane, at 9:36 am.

Approval of February 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The approval of the minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

Vice President for Research Report - James A. Dias

No report

Conference/Journal Support Award - Elizabeth Gaffney, Chair

Recommended revisions to the journal editorship guidelines were circulated earlier with the expectation of voting at the March meeting. Due to lack of a quorum, it was decided to vote via e-mail.

Vice President Dias brought up the issue of a PI who wants to apply for a conference support award for a conference to be held in November which is prior to the next round of award determination and is too late to apply for the spring round. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the conference/journal committee will proceed with the review of the applications received for the spring round, and if funds are available after that review, an announcement will be made to call for another round of applications with a deadline to be determined.

Centers/Institutes/Specialized Labs - Robert Nakamura, Chair

Nakamura reported that according to the most recent report from the Office of the Vice President for Research, there are 65 active and 22 non-active centers/institutes/labs. It appears that the best way to proceed with evaluations/reviews is:

- 1) Review research units that are bringing in top dollars
- 2) Consider the University' investment in each center/institute/lab
- 3) Operationalize criteria

Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award - Hamilton Lankford, Chair

Vice President Dias raised two issues related to Excellence Awards:

- 1) Develop an Early Career Achievement Award as a means of recognizing faculty who are early in their careers and on a trajectory of great promise, but may not have had enough impact on the field or have not created a substantial body of work to be considered for the UAlbany Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award. Vice President Dias will discuss the feasibility of charging the Researchers Liaison

Committee with developing a position paper on this issue with Co-Chairs Araia and Gonder. **ACTION ITEM**

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- 2) Vice President Dias confirmed that distinguished professors are not qualified for consideration for the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities (EISCA) based on the guidelines which state “individuals holding distinguished faculty rank may not be nominated for an excellence award in the category for which distinguished faculty rank was conferred”. Since there is a research component of the distinguished professor award, a distinguished professor will not qualify for the EISCA awards. The UAlbany nomination for the EISCA was not considered for reasons as described above.

Old Business

Proposed Changes to the Policy on Distribution of Indirect Cost Return

New Business

None

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

Submitted by Janice E. Bogan