

**Council on Research Meeting Minutes**  
**March 3, 2010**  
**Life Sciences Research Building, Conference Room 1143**  
**9:30 am – 11:30 am**

**Members present:** James Castracane, Elizabeth Gaffney, Daniel Goodwin, Elaine Lasda-Bergman, David Lewis, Robert Nakamura, and Kevin Tyle.

**Members absent:** Berhane Araia, Bharat Avasarala, Lance Bosart, Brian Butcher, Richard Cunningham, Kirsten Davison, James Dias, Mengbing Huang, Hamilton Lankford, Dale Morse, and Eszter Szcalzer.

**Also attending:** Adrienne Bonilla, Antigone McKenna, Theresa Walker, and Robert Webster

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, James Castracane, at 9:42 am.

**Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2010 Meeting**

The vote on the minutes will be tabled until the next meeting since we did not have a quorum. However, David Lewis noted after the meeting that Mengbing Huang is listed as both absent and present. The correction will be made.

**Vice President for Research Report by Robert Webster, Associate Vice President for Research in the absence of James A. Dias, Interim Vice President for Research**

- Antigone McKenna, DMV, was introduced. She is the Director of the Laboratory Animal Facilities.
- The Research Colloquium is scheduled for April 14, 2010. Dr. Michael Salyards will speak on “The Perfect Storm – DoD, NAS and the Forensic Sciences”. More information is forthcoming as we continue to firm up the event.
- The spring edition of *Accent on Research* has been distributed via e-mail.
- A power point of awards for the July, 2009 through December, 2009 was presented. The total awards received through the Research Foundation during this time period was in excess of \$70M.

Jim Castracane inquired if there is a breakdown of number of PIs receiving first time awards. Robert Webster suggested that many of the PIs appear to be first time recipients. Reference was made to determining if FRAP awards lead to external awards since the FRAP provides seed funding for many of the junior faculty research projects.

**Conference Support Award Committee**

The committee’s recommended changes to the guidelines addressing the issue of conference location was presented, however, the vote would be tabled until the next meeting because of the lack of a quorum. Elaine Lasda-Bergman questioned whether there should be more specificity regarding what constitutes the capital district. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the statement would remain as is.

***FRAP Review Committee***

The committee's results were distributed. All FRAP applicants have been notified. Jim Castracane mentioned that in his report to the University Senate, he noted the decrease in applications for Benevolent and FRAP. In general, the response was that faculty are disillusioned with the FRAP process. He did inform them that 50% of the applicants, many of whom were junior faculty, received FRAP awards of sizable amounts.

***Committee on Centers/Institutes/Specialized Labs***

A written report was submitted by Mengbing Huang, chair of the committee.

***Excellence in Research***

A written report was submitted by Dale Morse, chair of the committee.

***New Business***

Jim Castracane reported receiving a complaint from a PI of obtrusive intervention of the Purchasing Department procedures which is affecting her research. The complaint will be forwarded to the Researchers Liaison Committee for appropriate action. **ACTION ITEM**

***Other***

An article pertaining to Responsible Conduct in Research "*Student Researchers to take Online Training Course*" regarding Binghamton University's procedures was circulated. Adrienne Bonilla briefly commented on the new regulations for students researchers.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

Submitted by Janice E. Bogan