

Council on Research Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2010
Life Sciences Research Building, Conference Room 1143
9:30 am – 11:30 am

Members present: Michael Amrozowicz, Berhane Araia, Brian Barksdale, James Castracane, Richard Cunningham, James Dias, Elizabeth Gaffney, Daniel Goodwin, Daniel Keyser, David Lewis, Elaine Lasda-Bergman, Robert Nakamura.

Members absent: Robert L. Brainard, Kirsten Davison, Hamilton Lankford, and Oleksandr Kazakov.

Also attending: Antigone McKenna, Theresa Walker, and Robert Webster

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council on Research Chair, James Castracane, at 9:35 am.

Introduction

Barry Barksdale, the Undergraduate Student Representative on the Council, was introduced and welcomed.

Approval of October 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved

Vice President for Research Report, James A. Dias

- **Undergraduate Research**
The Office of the Vice President for Research, in collaboration with the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Education Honors College, will produce an Undergraduate Research Booklet which will be available at the Undergraduate Research Conference in April, 2011. In addition to conference program outline, conference participants' abstracts and awards from donors, the booklet will include undergraduate research trajectory for each department and information on how the department brings undergraduates into the research enterprise. Interim Vice President Dias encouraged the membership to solicit as much information as possible from their colleagues. Elizabeth Gaffney suggested sending a request to the Deans, also.

- **Research Implementation Committee**
Interim Vice President Dias is in the process of constituting a Strategic Plan Research Implementation Committee to carry out the research goals of the University Strategic Plan.

- **ICR Return to Units for 2010-11**
Calculations for indirect cost return to units for 2010-11 is in progress.

Standard Committee Reports

Benevolent Award Review, David Lewis, Chair

There are 14 applications for the Benevolent Award for fall which is, again, significantly lower than in prior years. David noted that in the past, the Graduate Student Organization was more involved which made a significant impact on the number of applications received. In addition,

previous subcommittees have discussed how to re-build the applicant pool; however, given the amount of the award, it seems counter productive to have a large number of applicants for such a small amount of funds.

Interim Vice President Dias suggested using the applicants' final reports to guide the committee's analysis and assess outcomes in order to identify potential problems.

David Lewis will discuss with the subcommittee and report back to Council. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Conference/Journal Support Award, Elizabeth Gaffney, Chair

The committee has received two applications: one conference and one journal.

FRAP A Review, Kirsten Davison, Chair

In Kirsten Davison's absence, James Castracane reminded the membership that FRAP A Applications are due to the Vice President for Research by November 19.

Centers/Institutes/Specialized Labs, Robert Nakamura, Chair

Based on queries about the on going review process, Interim Vice President Dias charged the committee with reviewing the status of centers/institutes/labs; perhaps beginning with reports from centers/institutes/labs. Robert Nakamura noted that the primary concern expressed by faculty is, not so much the status of centers/institutes/labs, but mainly difficulties with the billing process.

The membership agreed that billing process issues and concerns should be in the purview of the Researchers' Liaison Committee and not the Centers/Institutes/Specialized Labs committee.

Janice will provide a list of centers/institutes/labs for the subcommittee's review. **(ACTION ITEM)**

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

In Hamilton Lankford's absence, Interim Vice President Dias reminded everyone of the deadline of November 30 for both the Chancellor's and UAlbany's excellence awards. He noted that, to date, only one nomination had been submitted.

Conflict of Interest, David Lewis, Chair

Interim Vice President Dias questioned if the subcommittee handles institutional conflict of interest. David Lewis explained that what is brought before the committee is reviewed for potential conflict between monetary issues regarding grants and potential licensing issues. He also noted the need to formalize the intake process for conflict of interest.

Researchers Liaison, Berhane Araia and Katie Gonder, Co-Chairs

No report

New Business

James Castracane noted that the document that was forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee regarding the impact of budget reductions on research productivity was distributed to COR membership.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am
Submitted by Janice E. Bogan