I. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2011 meeting – Approved

III. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2011 meeting - Approved

IV. Information/Announcements
   A. RC Summer Schedule: June 2, July 7, and August 4

V. Topics for Discussion
   A. Enhancing Graduate Education – finalize recommendations
      i) Dr. McCoy presented handout from March 24 meeting for further discussion and decisions regarding presenting recommendations to President Cruzado
      ii) Possible Approaches reviewed:
          a) First bullet: approved, with revision to read “doctoral graduate”
          b) Second bullet: not feasible – rejected
          c) Third bullet: approved, with more specificity about one-time funding requests
          d) Fourth bullet: approved, to allow departments to present ideas for enhancing graduate education
          e) Suggestion: correlate OSP activity to Ph.D. production (ie, for each $1M in OSP expenditures = 1 Ph.D. conferred) – adopt as a goal, not meant to be punitive.
          f) Suggestion: set target/range/goal for Ph.D. production (ie, currently 50 Ph.D.s conferred, double in 5 years)
          g) Suggestion: Need to keep improving quality of educational rigor; need to enhance quality and quantity
          h) Suggestion: Support for more GTAs
          i) Suggestion: Data collection critical
B. One-time funding requests – Dr. Fox presented handout listing ideas/needs for one-time funding opportunities that would enhance doctoral production.
   a) Financial Support - $50,000
   b) Analysis and Tracking Doctoral Student Progress - $40,000 (2 GRAs)
   c) Recruitment and Admission - $25,000
   d) Mentoring and Advising - $25,000
   e) Professional Development

C. Dr. McCoy and Dr. Fox will prepare the Research Council recommendations that will be presented to President Cruzado and will forward to RC members for review/comment with goal to send to President Cruzado by Friday, April 29th.

D. Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research
   a) Dr. McCoy presented two handouts for review in preparation for discussing interdisciplinary research at next meeting
   b) First handout is from the Collaboration and Team Science Report (http://teamscience.nih.gov)
   c) Second handout is from a AAAS sponsored conference, FIRE (Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research and Education), Dr. McCoy attended
   d) Critical issue to discuss: Awards and rewards to people for participating in interdisciplinary research
   e) Another consideration: integrating interdisciplinary research and team science requirements into tenure track faculty hire letters (other institutions are already doing this, e.g. Stanford, Georgia Tech)

VI. Meeting adjourned: 3:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall