Research Council Minutes  
Thursday, June 2, 2011  
2:00-3:00 p.m.  
214 Hamilton Hall

✓ McCoy, Tom  ✓ Johnson, Cheryl  ✓ Shaw, Joe
✓ Black, Laura  Kuntz, Sandy-on telephone  Whitlock, Cathy-unavailable
✓ Cloninger, Mary  Gee, Regina-unavailable
Douglas, Trevor  ✓ Jutila, Mark  Potvin, Martha-unavailable
✓ Erickson, Joanne  Marley, Robert-unavailable  ✓ Yarnell, Allen
Hays, Rick – on telephone  ✓ Pascual, David  ✓ Fox, Carl

- Call to Order – 2:00 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2011 meeting – changes requested; Minutes approval deferred to July meeting.
- Information/Announcements
  - Research Council recommendations on Graduation Education update
    • Reviewed by President Cruzado
    • RC recommendations will be discussed at upcoming Academic Leadership Retreat
  - State NSF EPSCoR meeting is tentatively set for October 5 and 6 possibly in Butte October 17 and 18, in Missoula
  - National NSF EPSCoR meeting set for October 20 and 21 October 24-27 in Coeur d’Alene, ID
- Topics for Discussion
  - Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research
    • Successful example of interdisciplinary research: OpTeC started in 1993 with BOR approval and EPSCoR funds.
    • Center for Biofilm Engineering and Thermal Biology Institute – other good examples
    • Use Best Practices: cultural buy-in
    • Include in Letters of Hire for new faculty
    • Need better defined review/evaluation/reward for Interdisciplinary Research work
    • Establish Interdisciplinary Research criteria in Promotion and Tenure process
    • Faculty have split appointments, across departmental/interdisciplinary centers
    • Must get credit in Promotion and Tenure for interdisciplinary research and mentoring graduate students
    • Recognize co-PIs in Promotion & Tenure/evaluations
    • Funding helps cultural change
• Encourage new, young faculty towards interdisciplinary research
• GOAL: outline recommendations Fall semester

- Setting targets for OSP expenditures
  • Discuss at July meeting

- Social Sciences Initiative
  • ADVANCE must include social sciences aspect
  • INBRE is giving seed money to social sciences folks
  • Kathie Olsen, ScienceWorksDC facilitating this initiative

- Council Membership
  • President is interested in having elections for council memberships
  • How to do ballots? Criteria? Wide-Open/across campus? Applications to Department Heads to Deans, then Deans select? Need continuity, so staggered memberships
  • Consider Faculty Senate representative

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall