I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2014 meeting minutes – approved.

III. Information/Announcements
- Visitors to MSU: Frances Collins – NSF and Tom Armstrong – US Global Climate Change Program
  - Meet with scientists researchers
  - Lunch with Junior Faculty
  - Give presentation at seminar
  - Would like to invite DoD and DoE contacts
  - Invite - Barbara Kinney, NSF engineering
  - Invite - NSF MRI Director
  - Need someone to plan the research seminars, including visitors

IV. Topics for Discussion
1. Public access to research space allocation via AdAstra – benefits / objections
2. Research space policy
   - Draft previous efforts – starting point
   - MSU has space on campus – do not need to remodel so much – we should not have entered into the many long-term leases – space west of 19th is not that far
   - How do we use our current space appropriately and efficiently?
   - What are the most viable neighborhoods? Best arrange space
   - Identify space that is “held” by faculty that they do not truly need? How do you incentivize faculty?
• Model #1: require a certain funding level a PI needs to bring in order to have “x” number of square footage, ex: $100K for 1,000 sq. ft.
• Model #2: a percentage of F&A is taken off top and given to Department Heads; less space, then less F&A funds are taken off the top
• How do we define “research” space? Who is in control of “research” space? What criteria is used to assign space?
• Will complete a space inventory that will help track who decides space assignments and when a research space vacancy occurs, then that space will be vetted through VPR and/or Research Council for future assignment
  1. Need to ensure that space is not a limiting factor to success
• Policy is necessary for research space assignments and links research and teaching
  1. Historically:
    1. Departmental level, handled by department
    2. College level, handled by Dean
    3. Cross College level, VPR handled decisions
• Funding, publications or discipline appropriate disseminations
• GOAL:
  1. By October Research Council meetings, have a research policy draft to provide to Space Management Committee of Research Council’s ideal policy
  2. end of December, 2014, have a space policy adopted

3. Research Expansion Awards – as of September 1, 2014
• List of 14 proposals have been funded
• More Research Expansion proposals will be invited for presentations this Fall – date to be determined
• Dr. Reijo Pera continues to work on seeking private sources of funding for many more of the expansion proposals

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2014, @ 2:00pm, 214 Hamilton Hall