I. Call to Order: 4:03pm

II. Approval of Minutes: May 5 meeting minutes-tabled

III. Information/Announcements

- Potential new date/time for meetings: based on membership poll, Research Council will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month from 3:30p-5:00p in the President’s Conference room.
- Issues for Council to consider in 2017 Academic year:
  o Moving from Crisis mode to Proactive mode
  o Resolving management and funding of core research facilities
  o Clarifying “centers’ policies: logical, transparency, sustainability, transition to college, RED office involvement, sunset strategies

IV. Topics for Discussion

- Renee Reijo Pera: Brief financial overview (Mark Young)
  a) Research expenditures up
  b) Number of awards granted up dramatically
  c) Clarification of research number reporting:
    I. BOR mandated calculation
    II. NSF required calculation
    III. Full research number, includes, all research activities (ie, testing agreements), agriculture research (ie, MAES)
• Tracy Ellig: Communications and Research
  a) Ellig is university’s registered lobbyist and markets/sells MSU research story to legislators
  b) Univ Communications increased number of research story coverage:
     I. Freelance model – doubled stories’ coverages
     II. Targeted funding specifically to cover research stories
  c) Provides support to researchers/centers for high quality websites
     I. Suggestions:
        i. provide CMS training for all faculty to allow them to create own high quality web pages (ie, Arts faculty already do this as part of their portfolios)
        ii. initially target junior faculty and intensely research active faculty
  d) “Talking to the Media” training available for groups and individually

• Mark Young: Autoclaves as a Core Facility
  a) Across campus there is need of shared costs’ model for research core facilities (ie, sustainability, maintenance costs, service contracts)
  b) Goal for Research Council to find, review, and identify examples of other models for purchasing, servicing/maintenance, funding, and running core research equipment facilities that would serve as model for MSU to consider organizing shared research core facilities.

Next Meeting is scheduled November 3, 2016, 3:30pm, President’s Conference room