Research Council Minutes  
Thursday, October 2, 2014  
2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Hamilton Hall, room 214

Reijo Pera, Renee  
Idzerda, Yves  
Ragain, Melissa

Arlitsch, Kenning  
June, Ron  
Whitlock, Cathy

Bekkerman, Anton  
Kinion, Elizabeth  
Young, Mark

Christopher, Suzanne  
Kohler, Bern  
Watts, Myles-rep from Planning Council

Cloninger, Mary  
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Hilmer, Jonathan  
Peyton, Brent  
Kearns, Chis  
Potvin, Martha

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2014 meeting minutes – APPROVED

III. Information/Announcements

IV. Topics for Discussion

1. Research space policy - tabled to future meeting

2. Weekly Faculty Research Symposia – tabled to future meeting

3. Discussed “overview” handout from Dr. Reijo Pera
   • F&As – distributions in past and consider for future
     1. How were/are research costs to be paid
     2. Need to establish reserves
   • Faculty Salary
     1. State support relative to other states/private institutions
     2. Senior Faculty hires – consider skill sets that are interactive across disciplines
        1. Focus areas: HHD, Cell Biology Neuroscience, Earth Sciences, Chemistry/Biochemistry
     3. Recruitment and retention need to have research productivity be part of consideration/measurement for research funds
   • Administrative fee – 6%
     1. During recruitments, departments/colleges need to be aware and inform candidates
     2. Administrative fee on start-ups should be split among department, college and research office
   • Where are we going?
     1. Increase grant output (individuals, center, institutes)
     2. Develop a coherent sustainable F&A plan
     3. Optimize our resources (space, personnel, shared services)

4. Concern: considering the aggregate number of faculty at MSU, the number of those with doctoral/terminal degrees has fallen

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 2014, @ 2:00 pm, 214 Hamilton Hall