Research Council Minutes  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
3:30pm – 5:00pm  
Reid Hall 415

VOTING:  
Reijo Pera, Renee  
Arlitsch, Kenning  
Beamish, Rollin  
Bekkerman, Anton  
Cloninger, Mary  
June, Ron  

NON-VOTING:  
Kinion Elizabeth  
Peyton, Brent/Robin Gerlach  
Ruff, William  
Thorsen, Andreas  
Walk, Seth  
Wiedenheft, Blake  

Hoo, Karlene  
Leist, Terry  
VPSS rep: Mitchell, Jim  
Mokwa, Bob  
Schmidt, Leslie  
Sheehan, Jerry/Jonathan Hilmer  
Singel, David

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2017  
   Approved

III. Space Policy Update  
   John How provided an update for the new Space Policy  
   What about people who need space on campus but already have space off campus?  
   Hoteling has become a topic of discussion for people who have space off campus in a building such as BSL3 but need space on campus for various reasons such as office hours.  
   All impacted stakeholders need to be considered and communication needs to occur early on. We need to get to a point where every situation is not an emergency.  
   When filling out the ePCF, do not make forms mandatory at the time of the grant proposal but at a time specified after the proposal has been submitted.  
   Office Space Standards  
   Needs to be more flexible  
   Lab Space: assign one module and the other module as swing space.  
   A draft of the Space Policy can be found at: http://www.montana.edu/spacepolicy.html  
   Software Meeting  
   Metric to research grants, how to track it, how to measure outcome vs sqft.

IV. Financial Update  
   Leslie Schmidt presented:  
   RED Allocation Plan to Colleges  
   25% return to Deans who decides how to invest the funds  
   What are the metrics to decide whether this plan is working?
• This allocation plan was requested by the Deans to allow them to invest the funds as needed locally and it would bring cohesiveness to long term planning.

III. How do you know the Deans are spending the money?
• Each Dean has their own account and these accounts are monitored.

IV. Does the money belong to the University?
• Yes, And it is legislatively mandated to be used to support the research mission of the university.
• No one would give you the money if it wasn’t for the University that is employing you.
• Able to create an environment where we can come together to discuss the big incentives we want to invest in.

V. Are there best practices in place for the Deans to distribute funds?
• Yes, for Core Facilities and Startup Funds
• At least one college has an internal call for faculty to apply for funding to pay for specific needs. A committee reviews these requests and makes awards within the college.

VI. Are Core Facilities entirely supported by the Deans?
• Might be worth a shared investment
• A decision on what Core Facilities are needed, needs to be made. A SUB Committee should be created to review the current Core Facilities and make an action plan with one thought being that the Cores start to recharge.

Review of FY18 VPRED Commitment Summary List
I. Much of the VPRED funds are invested in College and Institute Support

Next Meeting November 14th, 2017, 3:30pm,
Location Change: 138 ABB (Animal Bioscience Building)