I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2018

- A discussion of centers and institutes was the main focus of the meeting
- Robin Gerlach and Bill Ruff discussed the Final Report of the Committee on Centers and that provided further discussion about the need to establish policies and procedures for the management of centers
- Central ideas included an annual report which would include relevant matrix and comparative data that would focus on the current and future activities of the center/institute
- A need to identify when it was appropriate to sunset a center was also discussed and Leslie Schmidt suggested that she had identified approximately seven center/institutes that appear to no longer be active
- Currently there is no policy in the BOR that addresses when centers/institutes should be discontinued
- It was agreed that once a policy is in place to address the sunsetting of a center/institute that a process to ensure that the same councils (Research Council, Faculty Senate) and the dean are included
- It was agreed that the next Research Council meeting would be dedicated to a discussion of policy/procedures for center/institute management
- Leslie Schmidt also supplied a flowchart of institutes/centers

III. Renee provided an update of research expenditures for FY18. OSP managed is approximately $1M ahead of last year at this time. F&A collections remain about the same as last year. Proposal submissions look good and we have been submitting some large multidisciplinary proposals.

IV. Renee provided Request for Proposals for three internal funding opportunities (Scholarship and Creativity; Research Expansion Funds; Grants to Support Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS))