Research Council Minutes

September 27, 2023
3:30-5 p.m.

VOTING:
Alison Harmon  
Mary Miles  
Mary Cloninger/Robert Walker  
Ron June  
Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach  
Eric Austin  
Molly Secor Turner  
Brian Gillespie  
Michael Reidy  
Colter Ellis

NON-VOTING:
Sreekala Bajwa  
Colin Shaw  
Nicole Tuss  
Blake Wiedenheft  
Carl Yeoman  
Elizabeth Olson  
Michaela McKamey  
Amanda Haab  
Greg Young

Craig Ogilvie  
Steve Swinford  
Terry Leist  
Robert Mokwa/Durward Sobek  
Sandra Sward  
Ryan Knutson  
Liz Shanahan  
Chris Fastnow

• Approval of August 2023 Minutes- Mary Miles moved to approve, and Ron June seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

• Introductions and news from the field (All)
  o MSU Founders' Day Awards and subcommittee – needed two volunteers to serve on a subcommittee review award and provide recommendations.
    ❖ Michael Reidy and Mary Cloninger serve on the review committee.

• Research Administration (Sandy Sward)
  o Government Shutdown – Sent out two notifications campus-wide. Contact OSP if your grants will expire in the next 3 months.
  o Productive OSP roundtable talked about best practices on spending IDC, Fellowship appointments, Smart buy MSU: new purchasing platform- hope to reduce time to spend in purchasing, and Leave Pool Implement on 11/1.

• Research Development (Liz Shanahan)
  o Internal grants- Scholarship and Creativity grant only received 2 applications.
  o Hosted HASS Charrette- great feedback with 60 people attending.
  o Research Development Day is scheduled for January 11th, 2024. Registration is open now.

• Research Compliance (Kirk Lubick)
  o MSU hosting the Research Integrity & Compliance Conference on October 18th and 19th at the SUB– 120 people registered.
  o There are three tracks of presentations:
    ❖ Environmental Health & Laboratory Safety
• Research Compliance Committees
• Research Integrity & Ethics for Researchers and Students.

• Graduate School: current funding opportunities for graduate students; fellowships and scholarships (Craig Ogilvie)
  o Effectiveness of research-focused recruiting awards
    ❖ President award, $2K over two years (Masters + PhD)
      12 dept. participated with 2 depts making several requests.
    ❖ University award, $20K over five years (PhD)
      Same 2 depts, -40% of the nominations.
    ❖ PhD Start awards, made to depts and can be awarded to student of their choice.
      2 Sem GRA, GTA-New PhD Programs & retention focus.
  o Asked for feedback on increasing $25k for 5 years for University Award and 20 awards at $4k for 2 years for Presidential award.

• Undergraduate Research: Plans and priorities for this academic year (Colin Shaw)
  o Abstract submission is open for students planning to present at the Winter Research Celebration on November 29th and for the NCUR conference in April next year.
  o Agenda for next year- a celebration of 30 years of an undergraduate research program, which started in 1994.
  o Searching for a new McNair Director.
  o Curiositas, student-run Journal of Undergraduate Research, is undergoing reorganization to ensure this is sustainable.
  o For the next RC meeting, Dr. Shaw would like to present the USP FY 23 Report USP- what has been done and the long-term plans.

• Major Topic: MilTech Overview and Applied Research Lab Update (Al Deibert, Nikki Tuss, Ben Dahlke)
  o MilTech mission: Accelerating the transition of new technology to the US Government
  o MilTech Historical Summary:
    ❖ 2004: Came out of TechLink and MMEC after 26 years.
    ❖ 2008 Self-Funding
    ❖ 2009 PIA 1 OSD & AFRL (Independent Parallel Organization with TechLink)
    ❖ 2016 PIA 2 FAR-AFMP
    ❖ 2018 MCSC PIA
    ❖ 2019 DHS PIA
    ❖ 2020 PIA 3
  o What is MilTech?
    ❖ A research program at MSU
    ❖ An Office of Secretary Defense National Partnership Intermediary (PIA)
    ❖ A fee for services program receiving project-specific funding
    ❖ Assist DOD and DHS with manufacturing, design, and technology scouting expertise
    ❖ Acts as an “Honest Broker” with industry and vendors
Ben Dahlke gave an overview of the Applied Research Laboratory
  ❖ Controlled access facility
  ❖ Support faculty and staff with classified research and regional economic development.
  ❖ Students getting clearances be more valuable to the workforce

• Other announcements and November Agenda items
• RESEARCH EVENTS:
  o OSP Roundtable, October 19, 10 am, Procrastinator Theatre
  o Federal Initiatives Workshop with Strategic Marketing Innovations (SMI), Oct 12, 9-11:30 am, Inspiration Hall
  o Research Integrity & Compliance Conference October 18-19, 2023 (register now!)
  o State of MSU Research: a Big Conversation about Big Initiatives, Oct 27, 3:30-5 pm, Romney Cruzado Hall
  o PI Training, November 7, 8:30 am, Byker Auditorium
  o Lunch and Learn A Case Study: “Can I use Uber and stay at an AirBnB on my grant?” What MSU learned from the NSF OIG three-year audit, November 14, Location TBD.
  o 2nd Annual Research Development Day, Thursday January 11, 2024

Next Meeting: November 29, 2023, President’s Conference Room