



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NEW ORLEANS

Research Council | MINUTES

Meeting date | time *8/29/2016 11:00 AM* | Meeting location *Academic Affairs*

Meeting called by Norman Whitley

Type of meeting Regular

Facilitator Carol Lunn

Note taker Carol Lunn

Last Name	First Name	College	Unit	
Abdelguerfi	Mahdi	Science	Gulf-SCI	present
Farris	Monica	COLAED	CHART	present
Fulop	Lazlo	COLAED	Liberal Arts	present
Lailvaux	Simon	Science	Science	present
Lunn	Carol	ORSP	ORSP	present
Whitley	Norman	ORSP	ORSP	absent
O'Connell	Marty	Science	PIES	present
Pavy	Jeanne	Library	Library	present
Richard	Golden	Science	GNOCIA	present
Stich	Bethany	COLAED	UNO-TI	present
Taravella	Brandon	Engineering	Engineering	present
Trumbach	Cherie	FacultySen/Bus	Business/Faculty Sen	present
Wiley	John	Science	AMRI	present
Williams	John	Business	HRT	present

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | *1 hour* | Agenda topic *Research* | Presenter *Carol Lunn*

Updates from last meeting

1. Early Career and Research Excellence Prizes
 - a. Surveys were created and sent to Research Council to review and score

- b. **Extend survey to Wednesday 8/31/2016** so more people can respond
- 2. Requested Fringe Benefit Report was attached to email with minutes from last month
- 3. Return of indirect to PI
 - a. Increase to 10% approved by President Nicklow
- 4. Master's 1 for 3 program announcement sent to campus 8/18/16
- 5. FMLA for employees paid 100% on soft money
 - a. Dr. Whitley and Carol Lunn spoke to Karen Paisant in HR
 - i. Carol started reaching out to other LA schools for examples of policies
- 6. Assistant Professors CAN chair PhD Dissertation committees
 - a. Graduate School policy was attached to email with minutes from last month

Continued from last month

- 1. Are our incentives for sponsored research relevant?
 - a. Continued incentives
 - i. Return of idc
 - 1. 10% college
 - 2. 5% PI (In FY 2016 began returning 5% recovered indirect cost to PI)
 - 3. 25% BoR centers/institutes
 - ii. 1 for 3 Doctoral
 - iii. Internal Grant Program
 - iv. Research Prizes
 - v. Travel grants for faculty to meet program managers
 - b. New incentives
 - i. Masters 1 for 3
 - 1. Sent to campus 8/18
 - 2. 1 tuition waiver for every 3 master's level student supported in spring and fall (salary and tuition) in prior fiscal year
 - ii. Increase PI IDC return by additional 5%
 - 1. In FY 2017 will begin returning 10% recovered indirect cost to PI
 - a. Applies to awards in college; BoR Centers and Institutes continue to receive 25% return of recovered indirect cost
 - iii. Fringe Benefit ad hoc committee reviewing fringe on summer salary and extra comp

- iv. AP on Extra Comp Cap discussing raising limit because 1.3 cap was under LSU system; no correlating cap in UL system
 - v. AP on Summer Salary Cap – 3 full months of summer salary
- 2. How are Research Council updates being distributed to other researchers in your area – **How can we improve communication and foster buy in across campus?**
 - a. Added a member of Faculty Senate in FY 16
 - i. In FY 2017 will add a second representative who is grant active for each college
 - b. Update Research Council website
 - i. In FY 2017 will begin posting minutes to website
 - ii. Post winners of research prizes
 - c. Visit Faculty Senate and provide updates
 - i. Carol Lunn will meet with the Senate Executive Board on a regular basis
 - ii. First meeting Monday Sept 12 at 11:30 - 12:00
 - d. Advertise meetings
 - i. Have schedule of meetings posted on Research Council website and allow anyone to attend
 - ii. Move meetings to larger room in University Center
 - iii. Will send Doodle Polls to schedule meetings for rest of Fall semester
 - e. Add updates to Marketing P.R. email
 - i. For last two years have met monthly and provided new sponsored projects, campus events and updates which has resulted in more articles related to researchers and their sponsored projects
 - ii. Carol Lunn will speak to marketing about having updates included in PR email
 - 1. Examples: Research Council meeting, minutes, highlight centers/institutes, collaborations, etc.
 - 2. Will discuss efficacy in monthly meetings
- 3. Review reports on grant activity last fiscal year.
 - a. Awards increased from \$23.7 million in FY 15 to \$48.3 million in FY 16
 - i. The increase was due to an increase in the Medicaid service contract
 - ii. There was a significant decrease in competitive grants in the colleges
 - b. Are the current and pending incentives going to increase research proposal submission?
 - i. It may or may not result in new researchers, but the incentives are definitely encouraging existing researchers to continue submitting proposals and sends

the message that the new administration values research – which was felt to be lacking under the previous administration

- c. What are other items we can work on to increase external funding this fiscal year?
 - i. UNO needs to hire more faculty with the expectation that they will be required to seek external funding
 - ii. Researchers who are successful at seeking and receiving external funding should be rewarded by the university in a consistent manner across campus

4. Requested list of new hires

- a. This is the list provided to ORSP at New Faculty Orientation on August 15th

Name	Department	Email Address
Stephen Andrus	Mathematics	andrus.stephen@gmail.com
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