

# **Faculty Research Committee**

## **Spring Meeting, May 4, 2015, 3:00pm, Hickory Hall 282**

**Attendance:** Sheri Broyles, Srinivasan Srivilliputhur, Brian, Guido Verbeck, Iftekhar Ahmed, Tom McCoy, Pam Padilla, Mark Vosvick, Mark Phillips, Audhesh Paswan.

### **Agenda**

- Welcome
  
- IRB  
Tom reported, Boyd was director of IRB, and retired early (was to retire in October, but retired in February). Left the IRB understaffed. Currently under a full search for this position. Chad Trulson and Trish Kaminski have stepped up to fill the void. Currently sit at 25 days for response.  
  
A suggestion to allow the full board to help in the meantime, and elevate the currently workload. Tom liked the suggestion, so will implement board aid.
  
- Pre-Award  
An ad-hoc committee was formed by VPR to address the issues of pre-award for the issues of respect to the PI, centralized GOs, responsibilities of GO and PI. Reduction of the submission process for eyes that review it is the direction of Pre-award. No more narrative review.
  
- Research Space  
  
Have to bring in more grants active professors, but there is currently no space to put the new hires. Have to implement a mechanism to reclaim space from inactive faculty, or faculty with too many resources and reduced funding. The committee has the sentiment that SRB has to be renovated. The costs seem greater to leave it alone. Waiting for Texas Legislator to approve is not a sensible plan.
  
- Research Resources
  - Library  
  
We all agree that the online journal resources are a necessity. We need to find out how to leverage funds for retaining of these resources.

- Grant Support

Ad-hoc support will be implemented. As researchers need support, currently internal and external reviewers will be employed to aid on specific help.

- New Business

English translators and English journal review. VPR feels that we need a presence of review person for non-native speakers.

- Evaluate Charges

Single addition to the charges: 2015-2016 – add the following: Creation of a networking relationship with VPR office and Office of Research Committees. Here we would offer a member of the current Senate Faculty Research Committee to sit on active VPR and Office of Research committees. This will allow a voice from a Senate Standing committee, and a mechanism for reporting changes and actions within the Research Office.

### Committee Function:

The Faculty Research Committee shall study policy governing faculty research and make recommendations to the senate; implement policy developed by the committee and approved by the senate in the allocation of state appropriated funds for faculty research; and in the coordination of the university's research effort, carry on diligent efforts to locate and secure non-appropriated funds to support faculty research and keep all of the faculty informed about funds available for research.

### 2015-2016 Charges:

Assess and report biannually (November and May) to the Faculty Senate on UNT's progress toward reaching its goal of achieving national research university status.

Advise the Office of Research and VPR on policies and procedures designed to help UNT's research faculty meet annual timeline goals designed to move UNT forward from emerging research university status to national research university status.

Gather faculty feedback regarding research support at all university levels and report action items to the Office of Research and VPR, the Provost, and the Faculty Senate

Advise the Office of Research and VPR on research priorities and infrastructure investments that might help the university to national research university status.

Encourage faculty research, scholarship, and creative achievement in every academic unit by advocating for Faculty Senate, university and unit policies that reward excellence in research, scholarship, and creative achievement.

Participate in a self-evaluation process regarding the role and function of the Faculty Research Committee in relation to the Office of Research and VPR, and recommend new charges as the committee deems appropriate.

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