

## **Research Coordinating Council Annual Report 2007-2008**

The Research Coordinating Council (RCC) met six times during the 2007-2008 academic year, with each meeting lasting about 2 hours. The RCC had three major functions: 1) Receiving reports from the university-wide research committees, 2) Considering and recommending revision or creation of new research policies, and 3) Reviewing and recommending for funding faculty proposals to receive released time from teaching to write grant proposals for external funding.

### **A. Reports from Committees**

#### 1. University Research Committee (URC)

See Table 1 for funding results. No other action was taken this year.

#### 2. Faculty Research Committee (FRC)

See Table 1 for funding results.

There were six nominees for Distinguished Researcher and five outstanding researchers were selected. They were Dr. Jennifer Attebery, Dr. Nancy Glenn, Dr. Jeff Rosentreter, Dr. Susan Swetnam, and Dr. Laura Tivis. Dr. Swetnam is the Distinguished Researcher for 2008.

#### 2. Humanities/Social Science Research Committee (HSSRC)

See Table 1 for funding results.

The Faculty Senate expressed a preference that committees under its purview have faculty chairs, not administrative chairs. With that in mind, HSSRC voted that the chair of the committee be a faculty member, rather than an administrator.

#### 4. Graduate Student Research and Scholarship Committee (GSRC)

See the attached table for funding results. No other action was taken this year.

#### 5. Undergraduate Student Research Committee (UgRC)

See Table 1 for funding results.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium was held on April 10, 2008 with 33 poster presentations and 4 oral presentations. The newly formed Graduate Student Council provided refreshments and selected the top 3 "Graduate Students' Choice Awards."

## **B. Actions**

The Council approved a request to create the Center for Archaeology, Materials, and Applied Spectroscopy (CAMAS) at ISU as a research center. There are 15 faculty involved in this collaborative effort and this center will integrate several sub-disciplines into the context of advanced analytical methods at ISU.

## **C. Released Time Support for External Funding**

The RCC reviewed 7 proposals for Released Time funds. The Council recommended to the VPR that all 7 be funded.

## **D. Miscellaneous Reports**

### 1. Federal Initiatives

The IAC was awarded \$1.5 million for continued work on the small detectors, \$290,000 for the Nursing Sim Lab and \$150,000 for the temporal landscape change program in the GIS Center.

Seventeen presentations were made to our lobbyist and 13 proposals were submitted in spring 2008 for FY 09 funding.

### 2. Vice President for Research

A search was conducted for a Vice President for Research and the position was accepted by Dr. Pamela L. Crowell, current Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education at the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) School of Science. Dr. Crowell will commence her duties on July 1, 2008.

### 3. Focus Group

The council voted to do a three part evaluation/assessment of research at ISU. The first part would be to conduct a series of focus groups, the second part would be to develop a survey using the information gathered in the focus group, and the third part would be collecting all the hard data and putting a together a report. The first focus group session took place at the end of Spring 2008 and focus group sessions will continue in the Fall 2008.

### 4. Research Day at ISU

The first Research Day at ISU was held on November 13, 2007. There were 35 posters and 20 oral presentations presented by research faculty on campus with many disciplines being represented.

## 5. Indirect Cost Distribution

The new Indirect Cost Distribution for the university is as follows:

30% Financial Administration  
 15% Office of Research  
 2% Library  
 53% Generating Unit

Table 1. Number of proposals received and awarded by internal funding committees

<b>Fall 2007</b>				
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Number Proposals</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Number Funded</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>
URC	Not awarded in fall			
FRC	14	\$58,641.16	6	\$25,000.00
HSSRC	Not awarded in fall			
GSRSC	24	\$34,314.89	7	\$10,042.00
UgRC	5	\$8,020.96	4	\$7,636.14
<b>Spring 2008</b>				
URC	9	\$137,612.15	4	\$50,000.00
FRC	18	\$85,451.37	6	\$25,000.00
HSSRC	7	\$115,814.66	4	\$50,000.00
GSRSC	29	\$38,469.60	7	\$10,000.00
UgRC	12	\$23,028.65	7	\$12,502.73

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