

RESEARCH COORDINATING COUNCIL
Memorandum #167

January 26, 2006

Members Present:

Brian Attebery
Steve Byers
Larry Ford
Mike McCurry
Beverly Ray

John Bennion
Chris Daniels
Lori Johnson
Fred Risinger
Susan Swetnam

Jim Bigelow
Kay Flowers
Catherine Kriloff
Al Strickland

Alternates: Cyndy Kelchner for Beth Hudnall Stamm

Absent: Phil Blick, Trent Clegg, Linda Deck, Deb Easterly, Christina Rosen Galvin, Frank Harmon, Dianne Horrocks, Richard Inouye, Skip Lohse, Subbaram Naidu, Keith Weber, Paul Zelus

Dr. Ford declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Ford asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes. Dr. Ford requested a motion to approve the minutes. Susan Swetnam moved to accept the minutes, Chris Daniels seconded the motion. Motion passed (Memorandum #166).

II. Reports

- A. Faculty Research Committee (FRC) – Susan Swetnam reported that 14 proposals were received for the Fall 2005 Call for Proposals. Eight were fully funded and one was partially funded. The Spring 2006 Call has gone out and the proposals are due April 7, 2006. We have ten nominees for Distinguished Researcher of 2006. The committee will start reviewing the information on February 6th to begin the selection of five finalists.
- B. Graduate Student Research and Scholarship Committee (GSRSC) – No report.
- C. Undergraduate Student Research Committee (UgRC) – Fred Risinger reported that the committee will meet next week to begin working on the Spring Symposium. The Call for Proposals will be going out soon. The proposals are due Friday, March 24, 2006.
- D. Humanities/Social Science Research Committee (HSSRC) – Dr. Ford reported that the committee reviewed proposals in late November. Of all the proposals, only one complied with the guidelines, and that proposal was fully funded. Several proposals

were in gross violation of the guidelines. The committee denied these proposals and voted to send out a Second Call for Proposals, since all the funds were not awarded. The proposals are due January 30, 2006. The committee will meet in mid February to review the Second Call for Proposals.

- E. Federal Initiatives – Dr. Ford reported that the Defense Bill passed in December. In that we received \$2M for small detectors at IAC, \$1M for Smart Prosthetics and \$1M for laser upgrade at IAC. Health and Human Services passed with no earmarks (included in those earmarks was \$2M for TeleHealth/Institute of Rural Health and \$500,000 the Dental Hygiene Masters Program). Dr. Wharton and Dr. Ford will be going to DC on February 1st and 2nd to make the request for the FY07 appropriations, a total of sixteen projects.

III. Council Business

- A. Gathering of policies on campus that pertain to Responsible Conduct of Research – Dr. Ford reported that Deb is still working on gathering this information.
- B. RTSEF proposals are due Monday, April 3, 2006 – Dr. Ford reported that RTSEF in previous years was administered by the Office of Academic Affairs. Dr. Wharton has turned this over to the Office of Research. Last year we had five requests and were able to fund all five.
- C. HSSRC proposals are due Monday, January 30, 2006
- D. URC proposals are due Friday, March 31, 2006
- E. Discussion on indirect (F&A) costs distribution – Dr. Ford stated that the committee should further discuss this matter after the new president has come on board. The only reasonable way to deal with changing the indirect percentages would be to phase it in slowly.

OTHER BUSINESS – Kay Flowers reported the University Library Committee is questioning the value of the Web of Science program. There will be a representative on campus to give a presentation on the use of Web of Science. Kay would like to invite all members of RCC to attend the presentation and will forward the invitation to Carole to pass on to all members. Presently, Psychology and Biology want Web of Science, Pharmacy may be interested as well. If Web of Science is purchased with the Science and Humanities/Social Science version, the cost would be approximately \$49,000. To pay for this, the library would use approximately \$20,000 of the indirects received and would look to infrastructure money to fund the remaining portion.

Dr. Ford mentioned BioMed Central fees are due. Biology seems to be the only department using this service.

Meeting adjourned ~3: 27 p.m.

Approved by Faculty Senate: April 3, 2006

