

RESEARCH COORDINATING COUNCIL

Memorandum #184

September 18, 2008

Members Present:

Sean Anderson	Jim Bigelow	Phil Blick
Deanna Dye	Deb Easterly	Kay Flowers
Greg Green	Lori Johnson	Cyndy Kelchner
Scot Kelchner	Skip Lohse	Deana Molinari
Kelly Moor	Alba Perez	Marco Schoen
Mukunthan Santhanakrishna	Corey Schou	Dan Tappan

Alternates: Dave Harris for Dianne Horrocks

Absent: Rajendra Bajracharya, Colden Baxter, Pamela Crowell, Chris Daniels, Subbaram Naidu, Keith Weber, Doug Wells

Guest: Ralph Norton

Jim Bigelow declared there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Minutes

Scot Kelchner moved to accept the minutes as written, motion seconded. Motion passed (Memorandum #183) (10 Y, 0 N). Mukunthan Santhanakrishna arrived after the vote.

II. Reports

- A. Faculty Research Committee (FRC) – No report. Carole Gull announced that the Call for Proposals went out on Friday, September 12th.
- B. Graduate Student Research and Scholarship Committee (GSRSC) – Kelly Moor reported that the committee has not met yet. The Call for Proposals went out on Friday, September 12th.
- C. Undergraduate Student Research Committee (UgRC) – Dan Tappan reported that the Call for Proposals went out on Friday, September 12th. The committee will not be meeting until late October. The committee is still waiting for the student members to be appointed and will have resolved by the first meeting.
- D. Humanities/Social Sciences Research Committee (HSSRC) – Greg Green reported that the Call for Proposals went out on Friday, September 12th.
- E. University Research Committee (URC) – Deb Easterly reported that the committee awarded 4 proposals in the amount of \$50,000 in the spring 2008.

- F. Federal Initiatives – Deb Easterly reported that Dr. Pamela Crowell, the new Vice President for Research has been working with our lobbyist, Larry Grossman on new procedures for requesting projects this year. Please watch for that announcement to be forthcoming.

Other discussion – Cyndy Kelchner asked if a report could be put together that would show what external funding has been received, who received it, etc. Deb Easterly will speak with Dr. Crowell about putting together such a report.

Deb Easterly reported that the Office of Research is working on updating their website and it will have a quarterly list of new awards received.

Scot Kelchner asked if the Office of Research knows the amount of funding available this academic year for the Internal Grant Committees. Deb Easterly reported that there will be \$50,000 available for University Research Committee, \$50,000 for Faculty Research Committee (\$25K per semester), and \$50,000 for Humanities/Social Science Research Committee. Deb Easterly reported that the funding for Graduate Research and Scholarship Committee and the Undergraduate Research Committee will be funded in the same amount as it was last year, but did not recall the exact amounts.

III. Council Business

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Survey – Jim Bigelow reported that the next step with the survey is to put together a web based survey, collect the hard data, and form a subcommittee to review the hard data collected. The information will be forwarded to the Vice President for Research (VPR), Dr. Pamela Crowell.

The first focus group was for successful researchers, and the second focus group was for department chairs. The council agreed to conduct two more focus groups. The third session will target pre-tenured faculty, and the fourth session will encompass all those who were interested in taking part in the first three sessions, but were unable to attend.

- B. Geospatial Coordinating Committee Bylaws – Jim Bigelow stated that the council reviewed these bylaws last year, forwarded the Bylaws on for Faculty Senate's approval. Faculty Senate did not approve the Bylaws, but sent their suggestions to Jim Bigelow and Keith Weber for revisions. On March 20, 2008 this council agreed to put approval of the bylaws on hold until the new VPR, Dr. Pamela Crowell started, because there is question of how much oversight the research centers get, need or want from RCC. Jim Bigelow will talk to Dr. Crowell about this matter and this item will be placed on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dave Delehanty's comments at the Orientation Meeting – Scot Kelchner stated that in the past RCC has been a forum for reports. Faculty Senate has taken more

initiative in the past few years and therefore, RCC has as well. RCC should be a venue for faculty driven issues where policies should be written and changed.

- B. Issues from constituency as a regular agenda item – Jim Bigelow stated that he would like to have this as a regular agenda item, right after Federal Initiatives.
- C. Term limits for Chair – Jim Bigelow stated that there are currently no term limits in the Bylaws for the chair of RCC. After discussion RCC agreed to form a subcommittee to come up with term limits for Chair and Vice-Chair, and will report back to the council next month. The subcommittee will consist of Jim Bigelow and Cyndy Kelchner.
- D. College of Technology representation – Jim Bigelow stated that currently the council does not have representation from College of Technology. The subcommittee formed to work on term limits will also develop the language in the Bylaws to include a representative from the College of Technology.
- E. Limit on service responsibilities for female researchers – Scot Kelchner stated that there is no general service policy in place that covers workloads. Lori Johnson stated that Scott Hughes is putting together a workload committee to review these matters. Deb Easterly stated that WeLEAD is interested in this topic and would like to work with RCC on the investigation of this issue. Kay Flowers will also bring this issue up with the Deans at Academic Council.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Miscellaneous – Deb Easterly stated that the WeLEAD Research Symposium will be held on November 5, 2008, and will include posters and presentations. Presentations at the symposium are open to female STEM faculty, or anyone working on issues concerning women and gender. Posters are also open to Undergraduates and Graduates who are female and from the STEM disciplines, or anyone working on issues concerning women and gender.

Deb Easterly stated that ISU is part of the NSF EPSCoR grant funded in the amount of \$15M on Climate Change along, with Boise State University and University of Idaho. Colden Baxter will be Idaho State University's lead person on the grant.

- B. Carole Gull stated that starting this year, the Internal Grant committees will be going to electronic submission of all internal grant proposals. One hard copy (original) with the signatures will be required. Proposals will be accepted by email, CD or downloaded from a jump drive.

Meeting adjourned at ~ 4:20 pm

Approved by Research Coordinating Council: October 16, 2008

Accepted by Faculty Senate: October 27, 2008