



RESEARCH CHALLENGE COMMITTEE
February 08, 2011

Present: Joanne Goodell, Anton Komar, Maria Krasniansky, Tim Long, Barsanjit Mazumder, Nigamanth Sridhar, William Wilson, Jerzy Sawicki (Chair)

Absent/Excused: Ziona Austrian, Joanne Belovich, Mark Tebeau

Guests: Diana Dubinsky, Miro Humer, Surendra Tewari (substitute for Joanne Belovich), Crystal Weyman, Craig Zullig

1. Approval of Agenda for February 8, 2011 Meeting. Approved and seconded with the following modification. Add meetings with Deans (George Walker, Jerzy Sawicki, and Crystal Weyman) to discuss the purpose, goals, and objectives of the Research Challenge Committee.
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of December 7, 2010. Approved and seconded as submitted.
3. Update – Jerzy Sawicki
 - a. Research Faculty Appointments
University wide policy:
Research faculty will not be member(s) of the any CSU union; they will not be eligible for tenure; salaries of research faculty staff will not be governed by union or HR rules; and all research Faculty will be funded by soft (grant) money.
 - b. 2011 Faculty Satisfaction Survey
The 2011 Faculty Satisfaction Survey was distributed to the Committee members. There are two questions that have been replaced as redundant (#15 and #16) in the 2011 survey, which will be on-line in March for faculty to complete and submit.
 - c. Call for Proposals, Faculty Research Development (FRD) Grant

The maximum award under this program is \$20,000.00 and the Call for Proposals was announced December 13, 2010 on the Sponsored Programs & Research website and in Campus Mailbag. Additional announcements will be forthcoming.

FRD internal grants are funded from Ohio 3rd Frontier and Ohio Board of Regents funds to meet the goals of the Centers for Excellence to enhance quality of research at Ohio Universities, increase the level of federal industrial funding to the state. Increase research efforts that support the Centers for Excellence and Ohio 3rd Frontier goals; and support Ohio growth through technology commercialization.

4. Sub-Committees' Reports and Updates

a. Faculty Summer Salary Calculation – *Final* Recommendation – Craig Zullig and Diana Dubinsky

Craig Zullig, Director, OSPR presented to RCC results of the survey for the Revised Summer Salary Policy at CSU. CSU was compared to the University of Cincinnati, The University of Akron, Ohio University, Kent State University, and The Ohio State University. Attached is the final recommendation presentation for your review and use.

b. Grants Management Project – William Wilson

Miro Humer, Project Manager, Grants Management Project, presented a slide show with the proposed time-line for implementation of the new system. Cayuse is the system that will be used. In scope items are: Pre-award, workflow, Post-award, Training and Reporting. The new system will not have the capacity to perform effort reporting. Researchers will have the ability to attach items to proposals including, curriculum vitae, drafts, memos, etc, when submitting to Sponsored Programs to review. All submissions will be via electronic medium. The new system will be rolled out in phases and IS&T is currently working on the pre- and post-award systems. The post-award system has 5 modules, which should provide researchers with more information on their grant status, for example how much money is available to them at any time.

RCC members stated that they wanted an integrated system with ease of use, electronic proposal approval work flow, and with better reporting modules.

c. Purchasing Policy Issues (SPO threshold, approval process) – Discussion

The RCC members expressed their frustration with the current PeopleSoft Systems inability to provide accurate and timely accounting information. Complaints include: differences between Gift & Grant account and Statement of Operations, encumbered expenditures, the amount of time it takes for an expenditure to hit an account (sometimes up to three months), having to develop a secondary spreadsheet to keep track of expenses, and potential liability for over-expenditure because of inaccurate account information from PeopleSoft. Both Bill Wilson and Miro Humer assured the

RCC that once the new grants management system is on-line, some of their issues will be resolved.

5. Development of Agenda for next Research Challenge Meeting
 1. Collaboration among faculty (multi-discipline research)
 2. Communication between Research Challenge Committee and College Deans
6. New Business
There was no new business brought to the table.
7. Next RCC Meeting Date: March 8, 2011, 3:00pm, PH-200

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm

Attachments