

COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

Minutes

October 9, 2013

325 Burruss Conference Room

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Attendee: Jesus de la Garza (Chair), France Belanger (Vice Chair), Ben Knapp, Jewell Trent, Jonah Fogel, Bill Knocke, Paul Knox, Nathan Hall, Tom Inzana, Martin Daniel (for Bob Walters), Elizabeth Grant (for Annie Pearce), Mike Akers, Anita Puckett, Lay Nam Chang, Lenny Grant, Jim Campbell (for Randy Wynne) and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Chris Lawrence, Jacob Rendall and Sue Teel, Michael Bertelsen, and Iuliana Lazar

Guest: Sandra Muse, Peggy Layne, and Leisha LaRiviere

- I. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

- II. Announcements
 - a. Introduction of COR Vice Chair for FY2013-14 – J. de la Garza introduced France Belanger as the new Vice Chair.
 - b. Reminder of Change to March 2014 Meeting date – J. de la Garza reminded the committee of this change due to Spring break falling during the regularly scheduled meeting. March 5, 2014 is the new meeting date.
 - c. Posting of the Minutes of September 11, 2013 – J. de la Garza – A correction was requested to the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes with correction. The motion carried.

- III. Unfinished Business
 - a. Report of Ongoing Activities
 - i. University Library Committee – N. Hall reported that there are several resources unavailable due to the Government shutdown.
 - ii. Centers and Institutes Update – W. Knocke – No update
 - iii. Research Faculty Initiatives Research Faculty/Postdocs – M. Akers reported:
 - a. HR Sub-committee has been approved by Dr. Walters.
 - b. He hopes to have the first committee meeting within the next two weeks, focusing on Post-docs.
 - c. There will be a fall social for postdoctoral associates on Thursday, October 10.
 - d. The survey that has been in the works for a while is still on the radar. The committee will discuss during the first meeting.
 - b. A motion was made to add Research Administration to unfinished business – A motion was made and accepted.

- i. M. Daniel reported:
 - a. Federal shutdown has not yet had significant impact because most of the funds we are currently working with are Federal Fiscal 2013 funds. To date, 12 projects received “stop work orders” affecting approximately 30 wage employees who were sent home. Several have since been recalled to work on other projects. The projects affected are mostly cost reimbursement contracts with the majority at VTTI. There are some projects that have renewals coming up and there is some question as to whether they will be honored. The University of Colorado has mailed a letter to their sub-contractors that they are working at their own risk. Virginia Tech will not take a similar step at this stage.
 - c. Academy of Faculty Service – J. de la Garza reported there is a call for nominations. Please see the link for the November 1, 2014 deadline. <http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/notices/092513-provost-academy.html> Commission on Research has a seat on this committee. Jesus de la Garza is the member by default.

IV. New Business

- a. Model Language for Research Data Management Policies – N. Hall would like to ask the COR to either sponsor/hold/endorse a study or panel among key stakeholder groups to determine the level of need of policy & infrastructure of research data management. URL: www.vtechworks.lib.vt.edu
Action Items:
 - i. Nathan Hall to meet with Terry Herdman to get his perspective on the topic. Then report to the committee the findings.
 - ii. Nathan Hall will see about this topic being placed on the Agenda of the Associate Dean’s for Research in each college.

V. Adjournment at 4:19PM