Minutes - Revised

Attendee: France Belanger (Chair), Randy Wynne (Vice Chair), Adrian Ares, Tom Inzana, Jesus de la Garza, Srinath Ekkad, Nathan Hall, Martin Daniel (for Bob Walters), Alan Grant, Iuliana Lazar, Dee Dee Dudley (for Annie Pearce), Barbara Lockee, Robert Vogelaar, Cheryl Carrico, Scott Klopfer, Sue Teel, Matt Chan (for Tara Reel), Jake Tully and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Paul Knox, Ben Knapp, Chris Lawrence, Jewell Trent and Jonah Fogel

Guest: Peggy Layne, Ken Miller, Jennifer Irish, and Sandra Muse

I.   Approval of the Agenda – A motion was made and approved.

II.   Announcements
   a.   Approval of the Minutes of October 8, 2014* – F. Belanger reported the electronic approval and posting of the minutes of October 8, 2014.
   b.   Dr. Walters to speak to COR in spring 2015 – F. Belanger reported Dr. Walters has postponed speaking to the Commission until spring.
   c.   Jesus de la Garza announced his replacement while on sabbatical in the spring – Jennifer Irish will substitute for the spring semester to end de la Garza's term on the commission.

III.   Unfinished Business
   a.   Report of Ongoing Activities
       i.   University Library Committee – N. Hall reported noise is expected in the library during ICAT studio construction.   University Library Committee had a presentation and discussion by Dr. Brian Nosek on openness and reproducibility of research. Presentation reviewed concepts of open science, the reproducibility of research, open peer review, and incentives for publishing negative findings or research that is not novel.
       ii.   Centers and Institutes Update – S. Ekkard reported there are two new centers.   Bio Inspired Science & Technology Center led by Mechanical Engineering has been approved. Global Change Center housed and funded by Fralin is still under review.
       iii. Research Faculty Initiatives
            1.   HR Sub-committee – No Report
       iv.   Research Administration – M. Daniel reported on the Comprehensive Research Enterprise Systems Team (CREST) activities.   Agile software is being used for development. The software process is iterative and builds on itself. The first effort is focused on the proposal initiation. This module is planned for completion in spring 2015. Next will be a pilot of a budgeting tool for faculty to replace using spreadsheets. This will be followed by the Proposal Routing System, to replace the STL program. This will also be released in spring enabling data to be collected and managed. The database would handle the routing versus sending a paper report. This is a secure system at the enterprise level.

b. COR Committee on Policy 13015 Ownership and Control of Research Results – R. Wynne reported the committee has met and revisions are being completed for COR review.

c. COR/CFA Joint Committee on Policy 13020, Misconduct in Research regarding Self-Plagiarism – F. Belanger reported the committee met and agreed on the strategy which is to include self-plagiarism in the policy (see proposal amendment on website). Please send feedback to France or Scott Klopfer.

d. National Science Board Document on Compliance – F. Belanger noted this document reports how to reduce the administrative work load of PI's.   COR agreed to invite John Rudd and David Moore to come and present their take on this particular document and how their area provides assistance to PIs.

IV. New Business

a. Committee on Research Needs, Request for Volunteers – F. Belanger reminded commission of the purpose of the committee. The Committee on Research Needs will evaluate what is needed to help the overloaded faculty to do research? A committee will start the process. Volunteers for the committee are Robert Vogelaar, Jennifer Irish, Iuliana Lazar, France Belanger, Barbara Lockee and Tom Inzana.

V. Adjournment: 4:30PM