

COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

Minutes

December 11, 2013

325 Burruss Conference Room

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Attendee: Jesus de la Garza (Chair), France Belanger (Vice Chair), Michael Bertelsen, Iuliana Lazar, Bill Knocke, Sue Teel, Nathan Hall, Tom Inzana, Martin Daniel (for Bob Walters), Elizabeth Grant (for Annie Pearce), Mike Akers, Ben Knapp, Chris Lawrence, Lenny Grant, Randy Wynne, Jonah Fogel, Anita Puckett, Lay Nam Chang, and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Paul Knox, Jacob Randall, and Jewell Trent

Guest: Peggy Layne, Ken Miller and Sandra Muse

- I. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.
- II. Announcements
 - a. Posting of the Minutes of November 13, 2013 – J. de la Garza - A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes. The motion carried.
- III. Unfinished Business
 - a. Report of Ongoing Activities
 - i. University Library Committee – N. Hall reported on the VIVO Pilot - a discovery tool for research institutions. URL: vivoweb.org (general) and vivo.cornell.edu (Cornell specific). Space in the library has been allocated with ICAP and the abatement and demolition will start soon. New multipurpose room opening in January.
 - ii. Centers and Institutes Update – W. Knocke reported that there was not anything new to report.
 - iii. Research Faculty Initiatives
 1. HR Sub-committee – M. Akers reported that 3 sub-groups are making progress with a lot of activity. A detailed report will be given at the February meeting.
 - iv. Research Administration – M. Daniel reported the team has scheduled three sub-focus group sessions to help with priority setting. This will help in determining the next project that needs to be addressed. The possible projects include a communication tool to help with budget preparation, a web application to help PIs with financial activity, a document management system, and a web site that allows PI's to organize and view their research proposals and agreements After these sessions the RAS team hope to get into a programming mode with some initial products they can release in 2-3 months..
- IV. New Business
 - a. Briefing on Innovation Ecosystem Review Committee (IERC) – B. Tranter gave an overview of the committee's review. The IERC final report, submitted in August 2013, is available on the Commission on Research's Scholar Site. The report

contains recommendations related to policy, seed funding for early-stage commercialization projects, industry engagement, communications, and organizational structures. Under the leadership of the Provost, an Innovation Ecosystem Executive Committee (IEEC) has been formed to consider the recommendations and to articulate next steps. B. Tranter will continue to brief the Commission on Research as the IEEC progresses in its work.

V. Adjournment at 4:39pm.