

## COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

December 9, 2015  
325 Burruss Conference Room  
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Attendee: Randy Wynne (Chair), Benjamin Corl (Vice Chair), Srinath Ekkad, Martin Daniel (for Dennis Dean), Annie Pearce, Jewell Trent, Alan Grant, Myra Blanco, Jennifer Irish, Ben Knapp, Nathan Hall, Van Crowder, Cheryl Carrico, Scott Klopfer, Kaveh Rahimi, Stephen Hensell, Tom Inzana (for Kurt Zimmerman) and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Barbara Lockee, Robert Vogelaar, Sue Teel, Tom Bell, Jonah Fogel, COB representative (France Belanger on sabbatical) and Paul Knox.

Guest: Sandra Muse, Ken Miller, Peggy Layne, Scott Midkiff, Terry Herdman and Vijay Agarwala.

- I. Approval of the Agenda - A motion was made and the agenda was approved.
- II. Announcements
  - a. Approval of the Minutes of November 11, 2015\* – The meeting minutes were approved electronically.
  - b. Reminder of no meeting in January – R. Wynne
  - c. Update on VPRI Search – M. Daniel reported that we have a new VPRI to start on January 18, 2016.
- III. Unfinished Business
  - a. Report of Ongoing Activities
    - i. University Library Committee – N. Hall – No report
    - ii. Update from Faculty Senate – B. Corl reported the faculty senate was discussing the university's challenge of Beyond Boundaries and associated destination areas or proposed areas of growth. The discussion was an effort to inform faculty of its purpose.
    - iii. Centers and Institutes Update – No Report
    - iv. Research Administration – M. Daniel reported that CREST is continuing to make progress, pilots are going well. Hope to have new releases in January.
  - b. Committee on Research Challenges – J. Irish reported there are approximately 40 priority items identified in the survey. Two-thirds fall within COR and one-third falls to other commissions. The committee should have a development action plan in January for those items the COR can address.
  - c. Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution on Shared Governance – R. Wynne reported the Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution is still before University Council as the first reading did not pass. As a result, the staff senate pushed back on this resolution. There have been changes to the original resolution. Concerns included the four (4) week waiting period and concern with extending this process to other constituent groups. Thus the paired resolution was created.
  - d. Discussion on Indirect Presentation of November 11, 2015 – R. Wynne asked commission members to not distribute this information at this time. The Controller's office has plans to make this information available university-wide in a different format in the near future. Due to lack of time, a discussion of the presentation was deferred.

IV. New Business

- a. Update from Advanced Research Computing (ARC) at IT: Present capabilities and solicitation of partnerships and input for future systems and services - Scott Midkiff, VP for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Terry Herdman, Associate VP for Advanced Research Computing and Vijay Agarwala, Director, High-Performance Computing provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions to have commission members aware of the capabilities and services of ARC and their solicitation of partnerships and input for future systems and services.

V. Adjournment: 4:32pm