

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 2011
2:00-3:00 p.m.
214 Hamilton Hall

✓ McCoy, Tom	✓ Johnson, Cheryl	✓ Shaw, Joe
✓ Black, Laura	Kuntz, Sandy - out	✓ Whitlock, Cathy
✓ Cloninger, Mary	✓ Gee, Regina	
Douglas, Trevor-out	✓ Jutila, Mark	Potvin, Martha - out
✓ Erickson, Joanne	Marley, Robert - out	✓ Yarnell, Allen
✓ Hays, Rick	Pascual, David - out	✓ Fox, Carl

- I. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2011 meeting – Approved
- III. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2011 meeting - Approved
- IV. Information/Announcements
 - A. RC Summer Schedule: June 2, July 7, and August 4
- V. Topics for Discussion
 - A. Enhancing Graduate Education – finalize recommendations
 - i) Dr. McCoy presented handout from March 24 meeting for further discussion and decisions regarding presenting recommendations to President Cruzado
 - ii) Possible Approaches reviewed:
 - a) First bullet: approved, with revision to read “doctoral graduate”
 - b) Second bullet: not feasible – rejected
 - c) Third bullet: approved, with more specificity about one-time funding requests
 - d) Fourth bullet: approved, to allow departments to present ideas for enhancing graduate education
 - e) Suggestion: correlate OSP activity to Ph.D. production (ie, for each \$1M in OSP expenditures = 1 Ph.D. conferred) – adopt as a goal, not meant to be punitive.
 - f) Suggestion: set target/range/goal for Ph.D. production (ie, currently 50 Ph.D.s conferred, double in 5 years)
 - g) Suggestion: Need to keep improving quality of educational rigor; need to enhance quality and quantity
 - h) Suggestion: Support for more GTAs
 - i) Suggestion: Data collection critical

- B. One-time funding requests – Dr. Fox presented handout listing ideas/needs for one-time funding opportunities that would enhance doctoral production.
 - a) Financial Support - \$50,000
 - b) Analysis and Tracking Doctoral Student Progress - \$40,000 (2 GRAs)
 - c) Recruitment and Admission - \$25,000
 - d) Mentoring and Advising - \$25,000
 - e) Professional Development

- C. Dr. McCoy and Dr. Fox will prepare the Research Council recommendations that will be presented to President Cruzado and will forward to RC members for review/comment with goal to send to President Cruzado by Friday, April 29th.

- D. Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research
 - a) Dr. McCoy presented two handouts for review in preparation for discussing interdisciplinary research at next meeting
 - b) First handout is from the Collaboration and Team Science Report (<http://teamscience.nih.gov>)
 - c) Second handout is from a AAAS sponsored conference, FIRE (Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research and Education), Dr. McCoy attended
 - d) Critical issue to discuss: Awards and rewards to people for participating in interdisciplinary research
 - e) Another consideration: integrating interdisciplinary research and team science requirements into tenure track faculty hire letters (other institutions are already doing this, e.g. Stanford, Georgia Tech)

VI. Meeting adjourned: 3:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall