

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

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

- Call to Order – 2:00 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2011 meeting – changes requested; Minutes approval deferred to July meeting.
- Information/Announcements
 - Research Council recommendations on Graduation Education update
 - Reviewed by President Cruzado
 - RC recommendations will be discussed at upcoming Academic Leadership Retreat
 - State NSF EPSCoR meeting is tentatively set for October 5 and 6 possibly in Butte ~~October 17 and 18, in Missoula~~
 - National NSF EPSCoR meeting set for ~~October 20 and 21~~ October 24-27 in Coeur d’Alene, ID
- Topics for Discussion
 - Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research
 - Successful example of interdisciplinary research: OpTeC started in 1993 with BOR approval and EPSCoR funds.
 - Center for Biofilm Engineering and Thermal Biology Institute – other good examples
 - Use Best Practices: cultural buy-in
 - Include in Letters of Hire for new faculty
 - Need better defined review/evaluation/reward for Interdisciplinary Research work
 - Establish Interdisciplinary Research criteria in Promotion and Tenure process
 - Faculty have split appointments, across departmental/interdisciplinary centers
 - Must get credit in Promotion and Tenure for interdisciplinary research and mentoring graduate students
 - Recognize co-PIs in Promotion & Tenure/evaluations
 - Funding helps cultural change

- Encourage new, young faculty towards interdisciplinary research
- GOAL: outline recommendations Fall semester

- Setting targets for OSP expenditures
 - Discuss at July meeting

- Social Sciences Initiative
 - ADVANCE must include social sciences aspect
 - INBRE is giving seed money to social sciences folks
 - Kathie Olsen, ScienceWorksDC facilitating this initiative

- Council Membership
 - President is interested in having elections for council memberships
 - How to do ballots? Criteria? Wide-Open/across campus? Applications to Department Heads to Deans, then Deans select? Need continuity, so staggered memberships
 - Consider Faculty Senate representative

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall