

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, July 17, 2014
2:30-3:30 p.m.
President's Conference Room (Montana Hall)

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| Reijo Pera, Renee | Hilmer, Jonathan | Ragain, Melissa |
| Arlitsch, Kenning | Idzerda, Yves | Whitlock, Cathy |
| Babbitt, Randy | June, Ron | |
| Bekkerman, Anton | Kinion, Elizabeth | Watts, Myles-rep from Planning Council |
| Christopher, Suzanne | Leary, Myleen | Hoo, Karlene |
| Cloninger, Mary | Peyton, Brent | Kearns, Chis |
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2014 meeting minutes - Approved
- III. Information/Announcements
 - Welcome to new members: Anton Bekkerman, Jonathan Hilmer, Elizabeth Kinion, Chris Kearns
- IV. Topics for Discussion
 1. Goals for FY15
 - Increase faculty grants submissions by 25% over FY14
 - Improve OSP's ePCF system – more user friendly
 2. Research funding status
 - Goal is to fund the Research Expansion proposals either internally or externally, possibly through philanthropic contacts interested in ecology, native populations, optics, etc.
 3. Funding of proposals
 - Research Expansion proposals – have funded approximately 7, with the President's office funding another two. Summer Presentations scheduled for July 25, 2014 and RC membership encouraged to attend
 4. Ways to increase proposal submissions and expenditures:
 - Talk with Montana federal legislators and their staffers about federal earmarks
 - Encourage more faculty to work on submitting big, cooperative grants that build programs and have institutional commitment to sustainability
 - Seek private funding

- Provide more institutional assistance to faculty to find funding opportunities
 - Provide institutional funds to send new faculty to grant workshops, send faculty to Washington, DC for agency visits
 - Provide institutional funds for proposal matching requirements
5. Faculty Research recognition:
- RED newsletter – weekly – monthly - ??
 - Faculty Seminar Series - weekly
 - Research Rally – monthly
 - Faculty Research day -- monthly – quarterly -- ?
 - Annual Research Recognition event

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2014, @ 2:00pm, 214 Hamilton Hall

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