

Research Council Minutes
August 26th, 2020
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
WebEx

VOTING:

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| Jason Carter | Sarah Shannon |
| Mary Miles | Colin Shaw |
| Mary Cloninger | Nicole Tuss |
| Ron June | Blake Wiedenheft |
| Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach | Carl Yeoman |
| Michael Brody/Eric Austin | Nicholas Childs |

NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie
Kearns, Chris/ Jim Mitchell
Leist, Terry
Mokwa, Robert/ Singel, David
Schmidt, Leslie
Hilmer, Jonathan
Jayne Morrow

AGENDA:

VP Carter called the meeting to order and asked the group to introduce themselves and what department they represent:

- Jonathan Hilmer, represents UIT, specifically the Research Cyber Infrastructure team
- Brent Peyton, represents Centers and Institutes and Faculty
- Michael Brody, represents Department of Education as well as Faculty Senate
- Mary Miles, replaces Bill Ruff, represents College of Education
- Leslie Schmidt, from the REDGE
- Jayne Morrow, from the REDGE
- Blake Wiedenheft, represents Department of Microbiology
- Mary Cloninger, represents College of Letters and Science
- Nikki Tuss, represents professional staff
- Robin Gerlach, from Chemical & Biological Engineering, represents Centers and Institutes
- Ron June, associate professor in Mechanical Industrial Engineering, represents College of Engineering
- Sarah Shannon, Dean of College of Nursing, represents Deans and College of Nursing
- Yves Idzerda, Dean of College of Letters and Science, represents CLS
- Carl Yeoman, associate professor of Department of Animal and Range Science, represents the College of Agriculture
- David Singel, Senior Vice Provost, represents the Academic Affairs and MSU faculty
- Colin Shaw, represents undergraduate research
- Craig Ogilvie, serves as Graduate School Dean

VP Carter asked to approve the minutes, Robin Gerlach moved to approve, Ron June second. Minutes approved.

General Announcements

- We had a great start for the FY 21. There were \$8 million in new awards in July. Notable grants since last meeting:
 - Matthew Fields and colleagues received \$1 million NSF MRI
 - A team including Valerie Copie, Michael Mock, Matthew Cook received nearly \$450,000 NSF MRI
 - David Dickensheets and the MONT team received \$3 million renewed for the National Nanotechnology Coordinate Infrastructure
 - Laura Stanley & John Shepherd received \$1 million award
 - VP Carter plans to have a VPREDGE monthly newsletter for the University Communications. Please let us know to share the stories if there are any awards received from your colleges.

COVID-19 research updates/website, including COVID testing laboratory:

- We are now an extension of the Department of Public Health and Human Services, and are CLIA certified. With the initial effort, we were conducting asymptomatic Surveillance for the State and now the laboratory can do symptomatic surveillance. These efforts are being led by Seth Walk and Deborah Keil.
- As fall progresses, the plan is to transition the lab for a more surveillance testing to diagnostic capacity.
- Lab has been processing 500 samples a day from the State and will be increasing to 750 to 1,000 per day.

FY20 Research Expenditure Report (J. Carter)

- VP Carter shared FY20 Research Expenditures presentation. NSF HERD Survey is a source for Carnegie designations. Carnegie relies on the number of PhDs and is weighted differently on Humanities, Social Sciences, and Stem and research expenditures. Many years we have been under-reporting our investments and didn't include MAES. VPR office started to include MAES 3-4 years ago, but was not categorized under local/state as instructed within HERD directions. and we have now shifted that to the proper category.
- For FY19 and FY20 HERD, we have done a better job of accounting for our institutional research investments, including allocations to colleges, centers/institutes, and state-funded research time. The tentative figure for FY20 is \$167M, and this will be announced in coming days via University Communications.

RFP for assistance in calculating a pooled research fringe benefits rate, as well as user fee process for service/recharge and core facilities. (L. Schmidt)

- Considering a consultant firm to help us manage the process for the two RFP for separate related research topics. The first one, with calculating Research Fringe benefit rates. We will develop a fringe benefit proposal with the rates by employee category. The federal government needs to approve and negotiate the new rates. We are in the queue from F&A rate negotiation, which will now include the fringe benefit rates as well.
- The second RFP focuses on the user fees rate calculation and policies/procedures to manage CORE Facilities, recharge and service centers. This will be more complex. This could include our testing services agreements and the Core Facilities, depending on the scope of the

project. To ensure compliance with federal regulations and to manage the process we need to have consultants assist us.

Recap/review of FY21 grants crediting system (J. Carter & L. Schmidt)

- Leslie presented a flow chart for shared expenditures & credit to Centers/Institutes Process. There are two processes - Shared expenditures process and Credit for Centers & Institutes process. In the previous year the C&I contributions weren't recognized. We corrected the ePCF so the Centers & Institutes are getting credit. Hope this gives a clear visual for the two different processes.

Strategic Plan goal assessment (J. Carter, per C. Fastnow)

- This item will be shared with our next month's agenda.

Next Research Council Meeting: September 23rd, 2020 3:30 pm