

Faculty Research Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
3/21/2016
Oxendine 2208

Members present: Rita Hagevik, Chair; Ryan Anderson, Sec.; John Roe, Rebecca Bullard-Dillard, Bishwa Koirala, Irina Falls

Members absent: Richard Vela, John Labadie

Also attending were: Sara Simmons

Recording Secretary:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hagevik at 2:16PM

II. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2016, meeting

The minutes of the February 16, 2016, meeting of the FRAB were approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

Approved with minor grammatical changes.

IV. Report from the Chair

Chair Hagevik reported:

Reminder of lunch with Chancellor Cummings regarding committee's work this academic year set for April 12th from 12:30-1:30pm.

V. Reports from Administrators [if applicable]

N/A

VI. Reports from Subcommittees [if applicable]

N/A

VII. Old Business

Discussion of committee members' findings from the reports [matrix sent out via e-mail] in order to develop a "white paper" and present to chancellor next month. Discussion of chart analyzing patterns.

VIII. New Business

Committee engaged in vigorous conversation about salient points of analytical work done by members. Agreed that there is much to be done, and that the committee should focus white paper on isolating work that can be done within existing structure from those requiring administrative intervention; establishing goals that are achievable and have both short and long-term viability.

Points to be made are sevenfold and are as follows:

1. Lack of co-ordination between offices that could/do support faculty research; transparency lacking. Perhaps what is needed is better definition and delineation, ie: TLC currently is in charge of too large an umbrella of activities. They cover everything from professional development and teaching support to research. Office of Sponsored Research is restructuring and has a difficult time discerning what opportunities for developing exterior grants exist on campus, that work could be facilitated with a better working knowledge of work sponsored by start-up grants. Perhaps TLC could maximize its resources by focusing on professional development while sponsored programs and research assumes responsibility for grant evaluations/distribution.

2. Research needs to be better facilitated by sharing info on current research activities and opportunities for technological support/technology support on campus. This is pursued in a variety of ways currently, but could be centralized.

3. Faculty teaching load must be addressed, especially considering FSU is now on 3/3 Research needs further benefit and opportunities need to be made clear—"exceptions to load"

4. Define research activities broadly enough, include undergrad mentoring, teaching scholarship—balance between university standards and individual department's needs/disciplinary goals

5 Technology affecting research hindered by loss of VCL.

6. International Programs does good work for undergrads, study abroad, but little support seems to exist for faculty travel.

&. Undergrad research pursued by multiple office on campus (RISE: sciences/PURC: interdisciplinary) – both lack administrative support help students/faculty mentors. Invest in space/staff./

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Prof. Ryan Anderson
Recording Secretary