

University Enrichment Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 8:00-8:50 a.m.
Collins Memorial Library – Misner Room

Attendees: Roger Allen, Terry Beck, Erin Colbert-White, Kabir Jensen, Sunil Kukreja, Dawn Padula, Aaron Pomerantz, Sara Shapiro, Jess Smith and Randy Worland.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from November 4, 2014 were approved.

Announcements:

Chair Dawn Padula reminded the faculty research subcommittee that December 1 was the deadline for applications. Sunil Kukreja added that the pertinent information would be made available in the next 24 hours so that the faculty research subcommittee could do their work. Padula added that since recommendations from the subcommittee needed to be approved prior to the break, that subcommittee chair, Jess Smith, would circulate e-mail to this effect for approval once ready.

Agenda Items Discussed:

1.) Report from Student Research Subcommittee on Award Funding (Sara Shapiro, subcommittee chair):

The student research subcommittee reported that they received a significant number of applications, 32 in total. The five members of the subcommittee used a ranking system, in addition to discussion surrounding individual rankings, to determine which proposals received funding. They submitted their recommendations to the full committee, and were approved.

2.) Report on Senate Charge #4 for Implementation in Spring 2015:

Formalize and publicize rules for a streamlined application for UEC summer research support.

Kukreja and Padula met with Leslie Saucedo. At that meeting, it was determined that the primary difference between the UEC application and the Summer Research Grant in Science and Mathematics application was the length (meaning, the approved application length is shorter in the latter). The proposed solution would be to allow students applying to both to use the same application, but that the following check box should be added to the UEC application:

“Have you submitted this exact proposal to the Summer Research Grant in Science and Mathematics? ___yes ___no

It was agreed that this information would be sufficient in alerting the UEC student subcommittee that those who answered “yes” could submit longer proposals without penalty. The committee approved this change, effective spring 2015, thus completing Senate Charge #4.

3.) Report on Proposed IACUC Modifications to UEC Student Research Application:

Erin Colbert-White distributed the changes that were approved by Alyce DeMarais, who oversees IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee). Three changes specific to IACUC (that mirror those that already exist on the application pertaining to IRB approval) were proposed and approved by the committee. Colbert-White’s handout contained the changes, and Kukreja will add those to the spring 2015 application.

4.) Finish Discussion on Senate Charge #3 for Implementation in Summer/Fall 2015:

Investigate the feasibility and desirability of implementing three separate application deadlines for three separate funding periods.

In the meeting with Saucedo, Kukreja and Padula asked her to give insight as to what date in the semester would be ideal for this sort of deadline noting that students from her department are some of those that would benefit from this third deadline. She explained that the third week of the term would be ideal. After some discussion of logistics, the committee approved to implement a new deadline in the third week of the semester for the upcoming year, with the caveat that the efficacy of the specified deadline could be reviewed after the first year of implementation. The committee also agreed that the November deadline would stay intact for what is now the second student research deadline of the year (in lieu of moving it later in the semester). With this approval, Senate Charge #3 was then complete.

Conclusion: Padula reported that since this was the last meeting of the semester, the committee would reconvene back in late January.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

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