

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL
Minutes of 10 March 2011

Members present: Osama Abudayyeh, Chris Coryn, Sime Curkovic, Eileen Evans (for Provost T. Greene), Lin Foulk, Paula Kohler (for Vice President D. Litynski), Carrie Leatherman, Vladimir Risukhin, Mary Ann Stark, Stephen Tasko, Jan Van Der Kley (for Vice President L. Rinker), Alan Wuosmaa, Steven Ziebarth **Also present:** Allison Green, Office of the Vice President for Research, Betty McCain, Director of Grants and Contracts

Council Chair Steven Ziebarth called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of 10 February 2011

A motion was made by Wuosmaa and seconded by Coryn to approve the minutes of 10 February. Mary Ann Stark was present at the 10 February meeting and was inadvertently left off the minutes. Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda for 10 March 2011

A motion was made by Tasko and seconded by Stark to approve the agenda of 10 March. Motion passed.

Reports

Council Chair – Steven Ziebarth

The May council meeting, originally scheduled for 12 May, has been moved to 19 May and will be held in the President's Dining Room of the Bernhard Center. Ziebarth reported dealing with any remaining Support for Faculty Scholar Award issues left unresolved from the review completed last month.

Office of the Vice President for Research – Paula Kohler

Kohler distributed "External Funding Value of Submissions, Awards, and Expenditures" through 30 January 2011. Submissions are down this year, but the amount of external awards received is up. External expenditures are also down.

Twenty-four applicants applied for the Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards (23 awarded; one person was not eligible). Kohler distributed the press release of students who received these awards (mostly from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences). About one third of WMU faculty is externally-funded.

Recipients of the Research Development Award work with the Office of the Vice President for Research to help faculty increase their capacity to apply for external awards. The current RDA award is \$2,500. Applications will be posted by 25 March, are due 5 May, and recipients will be announced in the middle of May. David Bauer, from Bauer Consulting, will be on campus in May to work with current RDA recipients.

The bucksheet is now online and the paper format is no longer available. On Friday, 25 March, OVPR is hosting a workshop to help faculty and staff learn about the new online system.

WMU is part of a research team that is creating five courses on research ethics that will be available university-wide.

The OVPR is subscribing to an online survey system (questionpro) and students, faculty, and staff will have access to this new system to use with their own surveys. Information, including how to access the system, will be sent by OVPR soon.

Interim Dean of the Graduate College – Gene Freudenburg

No report.

Continued Business

Emerging Scholars – Eileen Evans, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness

Jim Hillenbrand (Speech Pathology and Audiology), Cat Crotchett (Frostic School of Art), and Satish Deshpande (Management) were nominated. Tasko moved to approve these three faculty members and Stark seconded. Motion approved.

Report on Poster Day – Mary Ann Stark and Chris Coryn

Coryn announced that they still need four or five faculty judges and participation by the College of Fine Arts. They are still securing funding from GSAC and resolving issues of sponsorship acknowledgement. It was noted that GSAC members are no longer attending the RPC meetings and this issue should be resolved as well.

Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) Update – Steve Bertman, Committee Chair

No report.

New Business

Upcoming Changes in Council Membership and Leadership – Steve Ziebarth

Chair Ziebarth reminded RPC members that they will need to consider who will run for chair, vice chair, and secretary of RPC next year. These positions will be voted on in May.

Adjournment

Foulk made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Leatherman seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Foulk, College of Fine Arts Representative for RPC