

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL  
Minutes of 17 May 2012

**Members present:** Brooks Applegate, Steve Bertman, Muralidhar Ghantasala, James Kiddle, Monica Lininger, Dan Litynski, Vladimir Risukhin, Mary Ann Stark, Susan Stapleton, Stephen Tasko.

**Absent without substitution:** Alhassan Abdul-Muhmin, Osama Abudayyeh, Kimberly Adams (for Martha Councell-Vargas), Manuel Bautista, Carrie Leatherman, Lisa Minnick (sabbatical), Sandy Steinbach, Muthanna Yaqoob.

**Also present:** Paula Kohler, associate vice president for research; Allison Weiner, Research and Sponsored Programs

Council Chair Brooks Applegate called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. and welcomed the new dean of the Graduate College, Susan Stapleton.

**Approval of Agenda for 17 May 2012**

A motion was made by Stark and seconded by Bertman to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes of 15 March 2012 as written  
and Minutes of 12 April 2012 as corrected**

Motion made by Bertman and seconded by Tasko. Motion passed.

**Reports**

*Council Chair – Brooks Applegate*

Deferred until new business.

*Office for Vice President for Research – Dan Litynski and Paula Kohler*

Litynski reported that proposal development workshops conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of May were offered to Research Development Award recipients and faculty. They were well attended. In addition, the presenter met with some individuals for consultation.

Export control was discussed. Litynski distributed handouts from a presentation by Julia Mayes, coordinator for research compliance, on export control. They reported that Kohler met with a representative from the FBI regarding this. The policy on export control is posted on the OVPR website. For questions about

export control, the researcher should contact Julia Mays at Human Subjects Institutional Review Board. A worksheet is posted on the OVPR website.

Kohler reported that a workshop is being planned for fall 2012 on proposal development for NIH R-15 grants. OVPR is planning a competition for the National Endowment for Humanities grant applications. WMU can submit two applications. Last year one WMU faculty was funded.

Litynski reported that WMU's College of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the WMU School of Medicine, prepared a proposal to support a regional center for an area health and education center. Wayne State University is the state leader but needed a regional center. Cost sharing is required. Funding will support the center for the first five years and then must be self-supporting.

*Dean of the Graduate College – Sue Stapleton*

Stapleton just this week assumed responsibilities in the Graduate College. She reported that the first cohort of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) educators funded by the Alliance for Graduate Education in the Professoriate will graduate.

**Continued Business**

*Council Charges – Brooks Applegate*

- a. Charge #1 - Applegate reported that the RPC Executive Committee met and reviewed the role statement. The executive committee recommends that the role statement be formally discussed next year, specifically focusing on "implementation". Discussion followed on the history of this role statement and what changes require Faculty Senate adoption.
- b. Charge #2 - a draft should be available at the next meeting.
- c. Charge #3 - Kohler reported that a policy is in place to meet National Science Foundation requirements. 1,021 modules have been completed by WMU constituents. There are currently 15 NSF funded projects and an equal number of NSF flow through projects.
- d. Charge #4 - Kiddle reported that a draft will be presented at the June meeting.
- e. Charge #5 - Kohler reported that Faculty Research And Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) is over budget, along with Final Preparation and Publication of Papers, and Exhibition of Creative Works (PPP&E). Final totals for AY 2012-13 will be available in September.
- f. Charge #6 - Stark reported that 43 graduate students and nine FRACAA recipients presented posters. The Graduate Student Advisory Committee provided funding for 15 awards. There were enough judges and RPC

members were thanked for their work in recruiting judges and graduate student posters.

- g. Charge #7 - Support for Faculty Scholar Award (SFSA) was under budget.
- h. Charge #8 - OVPR reviewed NSF guidelines and determined that a data management policy was not necessary. Data plan policies are specific to some funding center directorates. Researchers are advised to contact their research officer who should be familiar with requirements in the PI's field. At this time, there is no need for a WMU policy or retention center. Litynski reminded RPC that data resides with the institution.
- i. Charge #9 - this charge was accomplished in March.

### **New Business**

The election of RPC officers was held. The current officers (Brooks Applegate: chair; Stephen Tasko: vice chair; and Mary Ann Stark: secretary) agreed to stand for election for the 2012-13 AY. There were no other nominations and the members unanimously supported re-election.

The committee discussed possible candidates to serve on the Emerging Scholars Committee. After voting, the following will be contacted by the chair to determine their ability to serve on this committee: David Huffman (chemistry) and Daniel Kujawski (mechanical and aeronautical engineering). If one or both cannot serve, the following will be contacted: Kristal Ehrhardt (Special Education and Literacy Studies), Elise DeDoncker (computer science), and Rob Wall-Emerson (Blindness and Low Vision Studies) until two are able to serve on this committee.

Next meeting is Thursday, 14 June, at 2:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Bertman made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ghantasala seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Stark