

COMMISSION ON RESEARCH MINUTES

October 10, 2012

325 Burruss Conference Room

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Members Present: Mike Akers (Chair), Angelica Melvin, Lay Nam Chang, Jesus M. de la Garza, Guru Ghosh, Bill Knocke, Iuliana Lazar, Tom Inzana, Kevin Davy, Leslie Thornton-O'Brien, Peggy Layne, Amanda Shea and Monica Rich (recorder).

Absent: Kevin Davy, Bradley Martens, Anita Puckett, Terry Herdman, Chris Lawrence, Chris Zobel and Annie Pearce.

Guest: Martin Daniel (for Bob Walters), Janet Webster (for Dennis Dean), Marc Stern (for Randy Wynne), Phillip Young (for Heather Moorefield-Lang), Amel Cuskovic, Scott Midkiff and Sandra Muse.

- I. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was offered, seconded and was carried.
- II. Announcements:
 - a. Approval and Posting of the minutes of October 10, 2012.
- III. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Report on Ongoing Activities:
 - i. University Library committee: Phillip Young reported construction has begun for scale up classrooms on the first floor. Completion is targeted for spring. The first Open Access week was in October. Three new positions are being filled in the areas of data management, web development, and the research environment. Of the initial \$24,000 available in the Subvention Fund, \$16,000 is now spoken for. More detail can be found on the OA Fund website.
 - ii. Centers and Institutes update: W. Knocke reported that during the past month the Virginia Tech Center for Autism, the Center for Digital Research and Fralin Translation Obesity Center were formally chartered. As necessitated by Policy 13005, requests were sent to all senior management during the past week asking for feedback identifying their 5-year cycles for programmatic review of all centers and institutes (as well as review of center/institute directors) in their areas. Oct. 31 was the deadline for departments to get their information to Ken Smith. The Provost has asked Mike Freeland and Dennis Dean to study the possibility of the two institutes, VTCRI and VBI, to merger.
 - iii. Research Faculty Initiatives: M. Akers deferred to item c.
 - iv. Research Administration: M. Daniel reported that the RAS group was continuing to make progress on a fairly complex system. A lot of different vendor systems being considered.
 - b. Resolution for removal of "Special" for Research Faculty: M. Akers reported the resolution was supported by CFA and CPFA. Once approved by COR, it will go to University Council. Motion to approve this resolution, offered and seconded.
 - c. Governance Representation for Research Faculty: M. Akers led a discussion of options in response to a draft resolution for some or all special research faculty to have input in university governance. It was recommended that the group to respond to this was the Faculty Senate. M. Akers will share this information with the chair of the Faculty Senate

before the next monthly meeting and report back. Motion made for first reading, second made and accepted.

IV. New Business:

- a. ICTAS 5-Year Review Report – Scott Midkiff reported on the 5- Year Review and the report was accepted.

V. Adjournment:

- a. 4:53PM