

MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2009

Present: Ivan Avrutsky, David Cinabro, Marcus Dickson, Tej Mattoo, Michael McIntyre, Prahlad Parajuli, T.R. Reddy, Harley Tse (Chair), Robert Arking, Judith Whittum-Hudson.

Absent with notice: Tamara Bray, Gina Deblase, Bo Shen, Olivia Washington, Antoinette Wozniak, Joseph Dunbar.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. The minutes for the meeting of November 20, 2008 were approved.
2. Presentation: Faculty Research Survey Results
Ivan Avrutsky was scheduled to present the results of the faculty survey to the Academic Senate in the next meeting assembly on February 4, 2009. He made a presentation to the Committee for suggestions and approval. The Committee made a number of improvements and approved the contents of the presentation.
3. Wayne's national research ranking
The Committee discussed the suggestion of a Research Board that would consist of active researchers, not administrators, in overseeing the research activities on campus. One member pointed out that such an advisory committee to the OVPR already existed. This was a large committee that only met quarterly. Most committee meetings were spent hearing reports from the VP of Research. As a result, the committee had not been very effective. One suggestion was to recommend reorganization of this Research Advisory Committee, instead of instituting a new Research Board. However, it would be important to keep the committee size small to be effective but would represent the various fields of research on campus. To achieve this, one suggestion was to have a small steering committee and an executive committee consisting only of active investigators. Members should be selected from the research faculty by the Academic Senate and not appointed by the OVPR. The Research Advisory Committee should be more engaged in promoting programs of interest to faculty.
4. New Business
No new business.
5. Adjournment
The Committee adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Harley Tse
Chair, Research Committee