

Academic Senate
Research Committee Meeting
April 30, 2013

Attended: David Kessel, Chair, Nabanita Datta, Maria Ferreira, Maik Huttemann, Jason Mateika, Patrick Mueller, Robert Reynolds, Derek Wildman

Guest: Donal O'Leary, Chair of the School of Medicine Research Development Committee

We discussed assorted impediments to research both at the School of Medicine and elsewhere. The SOM Research Development Committee had attempted to remedy some of these without much success. Among the items noted were the closing of the medical stores facility at the SOM, attempts to stop dry ice delivery (rescinded), attempts to stop lab coat laundry (rescinded), closing of the loading dock where chemicals and apparatus are delivered, the loss of secretarial support so that faculty members now need to enter ProCard details into the system, the complex and often unwieldy nature of TravelWayne. Some members of the Research Committee had their own stories to tell. There was general agreement that decisions are often made with little or no input from the 'users'. There have been improvements in SPA relating to submission of proposals. It was decided that we invite Gloria Heppner to appear at the May meeting to discuss the question of Core Facilities and how the University was responding to the Huron Group report relating to what needed to be done to promote the research effort here.