

MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2008

Present: Ivan Avrutsky, Tamara Bray, David Cinabro, Marcus Dickson, Tej Mattoo, Prahlad Parajuli, T.R. Reddy, Bo Shen, Harley Tse (Chair), Olivia Washington, Joseph Dunbar, Judith Whittum-Hudson

Absent with notice: Gina Deblase, Michael McIntyre, Antoinette Wozniak

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm. The minutes for the meeting of September 30, 2008 were approved.
2. Draft: Division of Research Post-Doctoral Support Program
The Chair introduced the sequence of events that preceded presentation of the draft by Joe Dunbar. One of the recommendations as a result of the discussion about Wayne's national research ranking was to institute a post-doctoral program to provide research support for faculty in their applications for extramural grants and contracts. The Chair initially emailed Gloria Heppner in the OVPR to inquire about such a program. The Chair then outlined to Hilary Ratner, Gloria Heppner and Joe Dunbar the various benefits post-doctoral fellows could contribute to the enhancement of research at Wayne (a copy of the email was circulated to members).
Joe Dunbar presented a draft to the Committee and discussed the essence of the post-doctoral support program. It was proposed to provide matching funds up to 30K per year for a maximum of two years for each post-doctoral position. The OVPR was committed to fund up to 10 positions per year. Selection mechanism was by competition. There were discussions on details of this mechanism. Joe requested that members submit their suggestions or questions to him. One member brought up the issue that faculty in the humanities did not usually have large funding as faculty in the sciences had. The matching fund requirement could potentially be a problem shutting out faculty in the humanities. There was a suggestion that a two-track funding mechanism could be used.
3. Meeting with NCURA
The OVPR had invited Committee members to meet with a site visiting team from the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) which was conducting a peer review of the OVPR. The meeting was set for 3:45 pm today. Judith Whittum-Hudson conveyed to the Committee that Policy strongly encouraged the Committee to present its preliminary findings from the faculty survey to the peer review team. Ivan Avrutsky had prepared a draft report of the results but he would not be able to attend the NCURA meeting due to teaching schedules. He discussed his report with the Committee. The Chair would condense the information and summarize for the site visiting team at the NCURA meeting.
4. New Business
No new business.
5. Adjournment
The Committee adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Harley Tse
Chair, Research Committee

Approved by the Research Committee at its meeting of November 20, 2008

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