

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S
February 21, 2008

Present: Ivan Avrutsky, Tamara Bray, Harley Tse (Chair), Eileen Trzcinski, Olivia Washington, Joseph Dunbar, Judith Whittum-Hudson.

Absent with notice: Marcus Dickson, Domenico Gatti, Guangzhao Mao, Tej Mattoo, Boris Mordukhovich, Bo Shen, Antoinette Wozniak,

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm. The minutes for the meeting of November 14, 2007 were approved unanimously.
2. Report from the Chair
The Chair reported that no further action was taken by the Committee on behalf of faculty of the College of Education in discussion with the Human Investigation Committee (HIC). Previous emails from Dr. Dorothy Nelson indicated that she was conducting direct dialogs with the faculty concerned.
The Chair suggested that the Committee would temporarily suspend discussion of the faculty salary incentive plan. The Committee would be committing major efforts on the study of WSU's national ranking in research, as charged by Policy. Members concurred with the assessment.
3. University-wide survey of faculty to identify problems related to research
Ivan Avrutsky presented and discussed a subcommittee draft of faculty survey. Suggestions and improvements were made to the draft. Eileen Trzcinski offered her assistance in re-drafting some of the survey questions. She and Ivan would finalize the draft for approval in the next meeting.
4. WSU's national ranking in research
The Chair opened the discussion by presenting background information on factors affecting an institution's national ranking in research. He had discussed some of the issues with Dr. Hilary Ratner, Vice President of Research and had an understanding of the processes involved. Subsequently, Dr. Ratner organized a Research Summit presentation and met with several WSU committees with responsibilities related to research. Many Committee members attended the Summit. Data presented by OVPR were discussed. Having identified the problems and possible causes, the Chair would like to finalize the Committee's recommendations in the next meeting.
5. New Business
No new business.
6. Adjournment
The Committee adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Harley Tse
Chair, Research Committee