

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

April 16, 2008

*Present:* Tej Mattoo, Boris Mordukhovich, Harley Tse (Chair), Antoinette Wozniak,  
Joseph Dunbar,

*Absent with notice:* Robert Arking, Ivan Avrutsky, Tamara Bray, Marcus Dickson, Domenico  
Gatti, Michael Goldfield, Guangzhao Mao, Bo Shen, Eileen Trzcinski,  
Olivia Washington, Judith Whittum-Hudson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:47 pm when a quorum was reached. The minutes for the meeting of March 19, 2008 were approved.
2. Undergraduate Summer Stipend Awards  
The Chair commended the Committee for a job well done in awarding the Undergraduate Summer Stipends for the Provost's Office. The Chair had received emails thanking the Committee from Professors Steve Calkins of the Provost's Office and Seymour Wolfson of the Academic Senate.
3. University-wide survey of faculty to identify problems related to research  
The survey questionnaire had been finalized. An issue was raised as to whether it was too late to send out the questionnaire this year as the Winter semester was drawing to an end and most faculty would have left campus by May. It was decided that there was still time this year to do the survey. Even though the Winter semester was ending, most faculty would not have normally left campus right away. In addition, in the Medical School, most faculty worked on a 12-month basis and would be on campus during the summer. The Chair was given the go ahead to launch the survey online.
4. WSU's national ranking in research  
The Committee continued its discussions of the subject, expanding on the topics of faculty recognition, collaboration and improving communication. The website of the OVPR should be more efficiently used to promote faculty recognition, collaboration and improving communication among researchers. In addition, faculty should also be recognized at the unit/department level. One incentive to reward active research could be teaching load reduction, especially in the Math/Physics departments. It was noted that the School of Medicine had annual awards for outstanding researchers (as well as teachers).  
To further promote collaboration and communication, it was suggested that a publication on faculty expertise campus-wide would be helpful. Joe Dunbar indicated that the OVPR was establishing a database for this purpose and was done. The School of Medicine had also established an Office of Postdoctoral Scholars.  
One member pointed out whether the final report to Policy should wait until results of the university-wide survey were available as recommendations could be based on the research problems identified in the survey.
5. New Business  
No new business.

6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Harley Tse  
Chair, Research Committee