Present: Albertha Barrett, Al Baumstark, Conrad Ciccotello, Dan Benardot, Roberta Byrum, Gayle Christian, Crawford Elliott, Anne Emanuel, Amy Lederberg, Steve Manson, Art Murphy, Tom Netzel, Bala Ramesh, Don Reitzes, Mary Ann Romski, Christine Roch, P. C. Tai, Laurie Tis, Vijay Vaishnavi.

I. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2003.

II. Special Guest
Joan Carson, Senior Faculty Associate to the Provost, described for the Committee her efforts to collect performance indicators to measure institutional effectiveness. She is assembling input, process, and output indicators to describe and assess undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and programs/departments. Dr. Carson noted that the databases she is collecting will be available for academic program reviews, administrative and staff unit reviews, Senate committees, and the University self study. Committee members asked questions about how the data will be used as well as voiced concerns about its accessibility. Members warned that interpretations of individual items must be undertaken with great care and caution.

Several suggestions were offered including that a faculty advisory committee be created to assist Dr. Carson in her efforts and that the committee composition reflect all of the Colleges in the University, as well as representative of appropriate Senate Committees (Faculty Affairs, APACE, and Research). A second suggestion was that a codebook or narrative be written that explains the rationale for the inclusion of each indicator in the database with notations that describe special issues or difficulties associated with the measurement of the indicator.

Members thanked Dr. Joan Carson for updating us on her activities and her willingness to address concerns raised by committee members.

III. Standing Committees
1. Internal Grants
   Mary Ann Romski reported that the subcommittee would meet over the summer to discuss internal grants issues raised at our March meeting.

2. Research Center Review
   Dan Benardot and Christine Roch, acting as a subcommittee of the Research Center Review Committee, reviewed the Herman J Russell, Sr. International Center for Entrepreneurship and recommended that the center continue its operations. The Committee voted to approve the recommendation.

IV. New Business
Mary Ann Romski inquired about a review of Human Subject and Animal Care procedures conducted by the Vice President for Research that included outside consultants. The Committee would like to discuss the matter with the Vice President for Research at our next meeting.

VI. Announcements
The Senate Research Committee will not meet in May. The June meeting originally scheduled for
June 16 is cancelled and will be rescheduled as the need arises.