Senate Research Meeting
April 23, 2007
Golden Key Room

Attendees: Drs. Reitzes, Malamud, Sevcik, Curry, Barr, Hansen, Brooks, Henrich, Tai, Dixon, Albertha Barrett, Houchins, Alberto, Lederberg, Morris, Prigge, Baldwin, Dobranski, Romski, Tis, Manson, Chiovard, Vaishnavi, Kerry Haywood, Esq., and Baumstark

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Attorney Kerry Heyward for GSU was invited to give an overview of what she does for GSU. Kerry reported that her responsibilities were to review research contracts (material transfer agreements), problem clauses regarding compliance issues, copyrights, rights to publish, indemnification, confidentiality, trademarks and patents, licensing, Intellectual property, Federal Export Controls, Conflict of Interest and misconduct involving research. She reported there is a 3-day turnaround for MTAs and that she couldn’t speak for other universities.

There were three of elections:
Don Reitzes was elected Chair of the Senate Research Committee;

Dabney Dixon, P.C. Tai, and Susan Laury were elected to board of the GSU Research Foundation. Dixon and Tai as the Senate Research faculty representative and Laury as the at-large faculty representative;

Laurie Tis was elected to serve as the Senate Research Committee’s representative on the GSU Intellectual Properties Committee.

Don Reitzes distributed a sign-up sheet for members to sign up for committees after each committee aforementioned were described in brevity.

Amy Lederberg reported that she was still working on certifying effort electronically and that faculty input was definitely encouraged in order for accuracy.

Senate agreed that a policy on multiple PIs needed to establish a policy and that an Ad Hoc/IRB Committee assist in this effort.

Robin Morris reported that the evaluation process for VPs (which is a public process) should be re-evaluated as to effectiveness He also has been appointed to serve on the Chancellor’s Committee for Academic Research; Linda Nelson and Beth Jones have determined that an independent separate system be established to handle limited term hires, NSF Auditors have been on campus finalizing audits; PERS should be up and running in Fall 2007, a Lab Safety Committee is being created.

Bob Curry reported that a process regarding research compliance to allow correction and oversight for wet labs and for information purposes now is in the works. This applies to everyone (faculty, students and staff) who must have their Chair, PI sign-off that they will comply or are in compliance.

Mary Ann Romski asked about implementation in getting IRB approval and the decision was
made to postpone until the next meeting.

Mary Ann Romski proposed and the Committee unanimously approved the following resolution: *Be it resolved, that we commend the Vice President for Research, Dr. Robin Morris and his Assistant and Associate Vice Presidents for their outstanding work at building the research enterprise at GSU over the last three year period and look forward to their continuing work.*

The next meeting of the Senate Research Committee will be on Monday, August 20th 3:00-5:00 PM in 315 Alumni Hall. The Senate Research Committee typically meets on the third Monday of each month.