Senate Research Meeting
Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2007
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Attendees:        Robin Morris, Don Reitzes, Chris Henrich, Mary Ann Romski, Rose A. Sevcik, Randy Malamud, Stephen Dobranski, Pamela Barr, Bill Prigge, Albertha Barrett, Dee Baldwin, Robert Curry, P.C. Tai, Beth Jones, Skye Hardesty, Art Vanderberg, Steve Manson, Dabney Dixon.

August 07 minutes approved.

Art Vandenburg was asked to present an overview from Research Computing and Infrastructure & Services involving shared infrastructure for research. He reported that sharing would be economical and would be an optimal use of high-end resources. He distributed material on the IBM System p5 – supercomputer. This high performance computer would handle fast data transfers and would have 18 terabytes for storage and backup. The application software would be Amber, Gaussian, Charmm – molecular dynamics and structure, along with SAS (statistical analysis). This system is enterprise focused which means multiple users which would make licensing easier. Art stated an October 1 meeting is being planned to continue discussions and approval of this system.

Internal Grants (Stephen Dobranski) – Committee has met once virtually. Another meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 9/26 to determine size of awards, funding limits and policies for submission.

Multiple PIs (Rose Sevcik) – Drafted policy for multiple principle investigators will be distributed for comments and discussion at our October meeting.

Research Center Review (Don Reitzes) – There are no more than 2 or 3 centers to review – possibly by late fall or early spring.

Research Infrastructure (Al Baumstark) – no report

Research Integrity (Laurie Tis) – no report

Dr. Morris reported an ongoing NRC review. Not too many problems. Corrected data has been requested. He stated staff turnover in URSA is high. Updated committee on the Science Park and the news PERS rollout and training for PIs and business managers. IACUC online submission is operable. Robin Morris provided data on the top 100 colleges utilizing research computing methods. GSU ranks 122. He would like us to strive for moving into top 100. However big team grants are needed. Dr. Tai stated although there are many internal grants more external grants should be sought.

Robin stated that more people should be encouraged to serve on federal and external review panels so that we have early warning of new areas of funding. A list should also be developed of those who are now serving on such committees and that have recently served on review panels. Also a listing of grants awarded and publications should be made available.

ORI – Currently there are two new conflict of interest cases under investigation by Dr. Curry and Cynthia Hall. One concerns an Emory patent application from Emory on work that had been done with a researcher at GSU; another concerns a company in which a GSU researcher owns the principal interest. A search committee has been put together by the President and Provost to find a Director of Emergency Management for the university. The committee has interviewed 3 finalists for the job and one was found to be highly suitable for the position. The Provost and President will make the final determination. Jonathan Kim has completed the modifications to the eSirius software in support of the
animal care and use program. 9/17 a training session will be held for GSU researchers who need to apply to the IACUC for protocol approval. Additionally, the GSU website has been modified to alert all animal users to begin using eSirius hence forth.

Next meeting October 15 – 3pm with Joe Gilbert and Cynthia Hall will make presentations on our Commercialization activities, and Export Control, respectively.