Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 18, 2010  
1000 UL – 3 PM

Attendees: Paul Alberto, Pam Barr, Albertha Barrett, Dan Benardot, Sarah Cook, Laura Burtle, Robert Curry, Florian Enescu, Paul Gallimore, Beth Jones, Bill Kahnweiler, Amy Lederberg, Steve Manson, Mike Metzler, Robin Morris, Jennifer Patico, Don Reitzes, Mary Ann Romski, Rose Sevcik (Chair), Andrey Shilnikov, Mary Stuckey, Monica Swahn, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, Leslie Wolf, William Nelson & June Houston (Minutes)

1. September 2010 minutes approved.

2. Dean Nan Seamans (invited guest) from the GSU Library briefed the committee on the importance and issues involved in building a research library. She advised that financial increases in publications exceeded the library’s budget allocation which necessitated a reduction in purchasing journal subscriptions and databases. She noted that a long term plan for the library that would support what GSU plans to become would probably suggest doubling space, people and monetary resources. Additionally she pointed out the need for more library resources for high impact hires and whether endowed faculty positions should have resource support attached to them. Dean Seamans reported it was important that all faculty receive education on Open Access Publishing Equity. She stated that faculty who were not aware of Open Access Publishing and not reading publishing contracts were signing away all rights. Mary Ann Romski suggested that forums are needed to educate faculty in understanding the Open Access Policy. Amy suggested developing a website to provide resources and educate the university. Consensus was to have Department Chairs involve this information in faculty meetings and then proceed to forums. Dean Seamans also distributed a list of pertinent websites regarding Scholarly Publishing, Publisher’s copyright and archiving policies, COPE-Compact for Open Access Publishing Equity and University Investment in the Library (phase I and II).

3. Mary Ann Romski reported on the Ad Hoc Committee discussing the definition of research centers and what review/approval process was needed. Mary Ann reported that the committee was not able to definitively answer any of the questions posed because of very wide differences in viewpoints about what centers are and do, and the need for review, but would definitely have these questions answered by the next senate research committee meeting.

4. Robin reported $61M in grants and contracts was brought into the University for FY2010 which was down from the previous year ($64M), largely due to the loss of 4 of our largest grants (in the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, Facilities, Biology and Psychology). He reported that GSU received 5.6 M in stimulus funds during the year. He reported that grant and contract awards were significantly increased during the 1st quarter of this year compared to 1st quarter last year. The total was $20.2M (compared to $12M last year, 1st quarter) and would be closer to $23M once other awarded but not yet processed awards are included. Robin also reported that he had been asked how best to review possible new University Centers so that recommendations could be made to the Provost and President. He will bring a proposal to the next meeting for discussion.
Robin reported that URSA had hired a Records Manager, who was working on a proposal for him in managing URSA’s research and related records. Robin reported that the F&A Proposal was almost complete, as well as the Research Space Survey, and that our fringe rates are also up for renewal in the review process. Bob Curry and Caroline Lombard had met with Associate Deans, some colleges and departments regarding Conflict of Interest. The discussion was positive and their input and thoughts from the meeting would be incorporated into the final Conflict of Interest document. Amy Lederberg asked the committee to look at URSA’s new website and use the feedback form if they saw problems or wanted to see other changes and return the form to her.

5. There was no new business or announcements.

6. Next meeting will be held in 315 Dahlberg, formerly Alumni Hall, at 3 PM, November 15.

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.