Coastal Carolina University
University Research Council Minutes

Monday, January 31, 2011 3:30 PM
(EHFA) Edwards College of Humanities & Fine Arts Room 164

Members Present: John Beard, Paul Gayes, Edward Jadallah, Claudia McCollough, Emma Savage-Davis, Cheryl Ward, Charmaine Tomczyk, Deborah Vrooman, and Rob Young

Members Absent: Var Limpasuvan, Ralph Byington, Gary Loftus, Wink Prince, Mike Roberts

1. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2010:
Minutes were approved with one addition to the addendum, indicating the name of the Young Faculty Incentive Award was changed to "Emerging Scholars Research Award."

2. Intellectual Property Policy

The following changes to the policy were approved (changes underlined), pending approval from the legal office:

Page 1 Policy:
"Definitions: Throughout this policy, where appropriate, the singular form of a noun also includes the plural~~; the **masculine gender** also includes the female gender~~, and the term "participants" means inventors, creators or authors."

Page 3.I.C Ownership of Intellectual Property:
"… participants shall furnish additional information as reasonably requested by the administrator. Failure to notify shall be interpreted as forfeiture of ownership of all rights, revenue, and privileges of the property."

Page 4 II A.1.
~~"Develop standards and procedures appropriate for the implementation of this policy.~~ Review the merits of each notification submitted for review and may convene an ad-hoc committee to assist in this process."

Page 5 III.A.1.
"Assist the administrator in ~~developing standards and procedures for~~ implementing this policy.

The committee asked that the policy be referenced in the faculty manual, and Rob Young will review and submit potential options for the manual to the committee. He will also ask the deans and chairs to emphasize this policy and include information about it in the new faculty orientation. He will ask the Provost if we might examine adjustments to the policy that provide incentives for the creation of intellectual property. Finally, the Grants Office will send an all fac/staff/student email each year pointing out this policy, as well as other policies and research/grant-related guidelines of general interest.

3. Distinguished Teacher-Scholar-Lecturer Award
Expanding upon discussions reported from the Teacher-Scholar-Lecturer Award Committee, the URC committee discussed faculty awards as a strategic unit (Professor of the Year, Teacher-Scholar-Lecturer, Emerging Scholar), and suggested they should be presented as a continuum of recognitions for faculty achievements, with the Teacher-Scholar-Lecturer as the pinnacle award. This addresses the culture and pride in such endeavors. It was discussed that the award should be a point of pride and competition among faculty and colleges and is currently under-appreciated and perhaps misses many deserving nominees. Rob Young was asked to pass along several of the committee's recommendations to the Provost, including: (1) the awards be publicly introduced and presented strategically in the context above, (2) before nominations are closed, deans should be asked to examine the list of nominees and suggest worthy additions from their college, (3) and improved outcomes/incentives should be considered, such as a much larger monetary award for the recipient or a larger and more visible award banquet/celebration that includes various interested constituents (faculty colleagues in department and college, students, community…).

4. Review URC progress: not covered (next meeting)

Next meeting: Monday, February 14, 2011 3:30 PM -5:00 PM in EHFA 164