Coastal Carolina University
University Research Council Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2010 3:30 PM
(EHFA) Edwards College of Humanities & Fine Arts Room 164


Members Absent: Ms. Laura Canton, Dr. Var Limpasuvan (on scholarly reassignment) and Dr. Wink Prince

Approval of Minutes: Wednesday, September 20, 2010 – Approved

Dr. Young welcomed Cheryl Ward as a new committee member (Cookie will email Cheryl a committee list)

Old Business

1. URC Mission Statement
   a. The committee discussed the first draft of the mission statement and made various recommendations.
   b. Cheryl Ward will craft another draft based on the suggestions and she and Rob Young will work on this.

New Business:

1. Research web page: Attached to the Office of Grants website www.coastal.edu/grants/research under Research is Var’s 2007 website. This needs to be updated. The Office of Grants will take over this website and complete the update.
   a. The CCU Research web page is outdated and poorly organized. The OGSR will undertake the revision and maintenance of this page, with input from the URC.
   b. A simpler, easier to navigate, and more eye-catching format was discussed, including:
      i. An introductory statement on research with flash pictures. The committee discussed a draft of the statement and Cheryl Ward will attempt a revised version based on the feedback.
      ii. 3 articles on specific research at CCU, rotating initially about every 6 weeks. One of these is to be student research.
      iii. Prominent links to the URC, OGSR, Graduate Studies, and Undergraduate Research
      iv. Links to Centers and Research Programs (Rob Young will check with the Provost for guidance regarding the levels of Centers and programs)
   c. Report on new research happenings and simplify how Faculty/Staff can write their own grants. This would encourage grant participation. Special interest would be focused on New Faculty.
   d. Report on ending Grant funded research and how it impacts the University as well as the community.
   e. Create an OGSR Blackboard/Blog to bring in fresh ideas from the faculty/staff/students as incentive to write more grants.

2. Committee goals and priorities:
   a. The committee discussed ways to approach identifying priorities and goals in promoting the research culture at CCU
   b. Rob Young will set up a Blackboard page for the committee to foster these discussions beyond committee meeting times
3. Deborah Vrooman asked whether graduate students who have received a prior or current Research Incentive Award can re-apply. All agreed that they could but would need to clearly indicate the progress and outcomes from the first award and the need for additional funding.

4. Temporary replacement for Var Limpasuvan (on scholarly reassignment) – Rob Young will follow up on when Var will be back from assignment and if it is necessary to replace him on URC.

**Upcoming meetings:**
- Monday, October 18  3:45 PM – EHFA 164
- Monday, November 1  3:45 PM – EHFA 164
- Monday, November 15  3:45 PM – EHFA 164

**Adjourned:** 4:45 PM