Coastal Carolina University
University Research Council Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2010 3:45 PM
(EHFA) Edwards College of Humanities & Fine Arts Room 164

Members Present: John Beard, Paul Gayes, Gary Loftus, Dianne Mark, Claudia McCollough, Wink Prince, Michael Roberts, Emma Savage-Davis, Cheryl Ward, Philip Whalen for Charmaine Tomczyk, Deborah Vrooman, and Rob Young

Members Absent: Ralph Byington, Maria Bachman for Var Limpasuvan (on scholarly reassignment)

Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2010 – Approved with one correction to title: Mr. Gary Loftus.

1. Student membership of URC – The committee agreed upon having two voting student members on the URC, one graduate and one undergraduate. The SGA Student Government Association will be asked to appoint two student representatives to the URC.

2. Brief business
   a. 17 Grant Accounts have been assigned to URC awardees from the Provost Office (URC grad student incentive grants, URC young faculty incentive grants, professional enhancement grants, assessment grants).
   b. Student affairs suggested putting the new Academic Integrity Officer into the process for Research Misconduct involving a student – all approved
   c. Details of the Young Faculty Incentive Award were discussed, including timeline and changing the description to include funds for travel related to research, as well as presentation. Notice will go out immediately to deans. Nomination letters from chairs due Jan. 14. Recommendation letters from deans due Feb. 1 to the URC.

3. Committee goals and priorities:
   Discussions continued on committee goals/priorities and efforts to develop the research culture at CCU. Major themes included:
   a. Breaking down the perceived division between “academic” and “research” activities.
   b. Research as faculty and student engagement.
   c. Challenge/opportunity pairings for increasing the quality/quantity of research
   d. How do we foster important discussions about the connection between scholarly expectations and teaching load?
   e. Faculty and administration buy-in. In tough times, when push comes to shove, the academic vs. scholarship division gets reinforced, usually to the detriment of scholarship

Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 6, 2010 3:45 PM in EHFA 164

Monday, November 29, 2010 CANCELED