Coastal Carolina University

University Research Council Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2012 3:00 PM
Dawsey Conference Room


Members Absent: Sara Sanders, Wink Prince, Charmaine Tomczyk, Zan Wiggins, Robert Young

Jim Luken, presided over meeting

1. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2012: Approved

2. Review of URC Graduate Student Incentive Grant proposals.

Seven proposals were submitted, for a total request of $12,352, more than double the available funds. All were research proposals from students in the Coastal Marine and Wetland Studies MS program. The committee recommended funding based on proposal merit and recommended one proposal be awarded at 100% of the request, two at $1000, and three at $500.

Grant awards:

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<td>Research - dolphin genetics</td>
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3. New Business: Related to the discussion at the January meeting regarding potential deficiencies by the university in meeting Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.4 (institutional identification and assessment of research outcomes), Dr. Luken introduced a motion submitted by Rob Young, asking deans to discuss implementing the following changes at their next meeting with the Provost to improve the identification and assessment of research objectives on a strategic, campus-wide basis:

a. Beginning with the next annual planning and assessment cycle, each college will identify specific research objectives for the college (research defined broadly by the URC definition of research, scholarship, and creative works)

b. The VP for Research and Emerging Directions would use this information to identify or clarify institution-level research objectives.

c. Departments would be asked to implement into their annual faculty activity reports and evaluation process that each faculty member identifies personal annual research (scholarship) objectives for the year, and they are approved by the chairs.

After discussion, the motion did not pass.

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
Singleton Building – Dawsey Conference Room