Presentation to Dr. Craig Gilman: The University Research Council recognized Dr. Craig S. Gilman for his Website Construction Award by The National Science Foundation Related to Gilman’s NSF GK-12 Program. Dr. Gilman also credited Ms. Courtney Burge for her expertise in the design and completion of the website GK-12 program at Coastal Carolina University GK-12.

Presentation by Dr. Craig Gilman: Dr. Gilman talked about the NSF GK-12 Program and how it impacted Horry County. Our Graduate Program students were successful in bringing science and research into the classrooms of six Horry County middle and high school students. The GK-12 Fellows were trained with the ability to effectively communicate science content, scientific methods and concepts and the importance of science. In collaboration with county teachers, our Fellows Graduate Program students’ created a teaching program to energize the middle and high school students. The students were engaged by this new method of Fellows Graduate Program students teaching science in their classroom and also in the field where they were able to have a student’s hands on approach to science research. There has been a tremendous positive feedback from Horry County schools involved in the program. Future possibility, the fellows will introduce program to CCU University 110 Freshmen Science Majors. Go to www.kingfish.coastal.edu/GK-12 for more information.

GK-12 Fellows work in a team to transform their research into inquiry-based lesson plans for the K-12 classroom. The graduate students also inspired transformation in the K-12 learning environments and stimulate interest in science among students. CCU’s GK-12 Program: Linking Marine and Wetland Research with Science Education in Coastal South Carolina Schools. Six GK teams have been established for Academic Year 08/09, the 1st year of the 5-year program. A CMWS student can be a GK-12 Fellow for a maximum of two years. Fellow advisors are Drs. Craig Gilman, Kevin Godwin and Robert Young. Fellows’ criteria: NSF Fellow (graduate student) will have completed in his/her first year approved and signed Thesis Program then 200 man-hours in field research and teaching. Fellows will make up teaching program and will not spend any more than 15 hours a week in classroom teaching and field research.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes April 2, 2009 - APPROVED by Dr. Michael Roberts, 2nd by Dr. Paul Gayes

Old Business:

Young Faculty Research Incentive Award – What’s the criterion?
URC, if you have not already e-mailed Dr. Val Dunham, please do so defining criteria. Discussion was held between Dr. Richard Johnson and Provost Sheehan. Dr. Val Dunham will report in an e-mail to URC.
To be awarded $1,000 Budget Year 2009-2010

Graduate Research Incentive Grants – What are the criteria?
To be awarded $8,000 Budget Year 2009-2010

New Business

Intellectual Property Document
This document is being developed by the Office of Grants & Sponsored Research. The document will develop policy concerning copyright materials, personal patents and other intellectual properties. The council is providing the above office with suggestions.

NEXT URC MEETING: Summer off –no meetings in June or July.
We will confer by e-mail through the summer if necessary.

Adjournment

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