RESEARCH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Date: 3.1.18
Start Time: 11:00am   Adjournment Time: 12:15pm
Location: Sandel Hall, Room 236

CHAIR	Sami Nazzal
SECRETARY	Jana Sutton
ATTENDEES	Joydeep Bhattacharjee, Khalid El Sayed, Judith Kalinich, Megan Lowe, Paul Wiedemeier,
ABSENT (excused)	Jeffrey Anderson, Katherine Boswell, Michael Chenoweth, David Irwin, Karen Witek
ABSENT (other)	Madison Bonnette, Neil White, Siva Murru, Richard Thurlkill,

AGENDA

1. Secretary (election): Jana Sutton volunteered to serve as temporary secretary until a vote can take place electing a permanent new secretary. David Irwin, current secretary, has a class related conflict with this semester's meeting time.

2. Attendance: Sami Nazzal took roll.

3. Minutes: Paul Weidemeier motioned to approve the February, 2018 minutes as submitted by Megan Lowe. Motion was seconded by Joydeep Bhattacharjee. Vote could not take place as there was not a quorum present at the meeting.

4. Policy to Opinion (google docs): Currently draft documents are stored on the research council's moodle page, the official repository of research council documents. Given previously discussed concerns with ease of sharing and editing capabilities (such as editing being anonymous rather than showing the name of the editor), the possibility of securing a ULM approved gmail account was discussed, as was additional capabilities that are possible in moodle. Megan Lowe will discuss with CIO and Dean of Library, Thomas Hoover. Sami Nazzal communicated that the current working documents are "opinion" pieces, and are not intended to be "policy" given that the council is advisory in nature to OSPR. Policy is to be created by OSPR.

   Khalid El Sayed suggested that the process for establishing collaboration agreements with faculty at other institutions could be significantly simplified. Sami Nazzal requested that he begin an opinion document in this regard and perhaps locate examples from other institutions. El Sayed agreed.

Sami Nazzal requested that all members insert their comments into the following opinion documents within the moodle page, before next meeting. He will communicate with all absent members in this regard.

   a. OSPR –
   b. PRAF –
   c. COST SHARE –
   d. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES –

5. Mission/Moodle Page (General Meeting/Invitation): Joydeep Bhattacharjee suggested utilizing the Academic Innovation Center's (AIC) webpage as a template for the creation of one for the Research Council. He further suggested that this mechanism could be utilized to seek opinions/feedback from the faculty population, much like the submission tool on the AIC's website. All present members agreed that this was superior to having all faculty as members of the research council moodle page – given that this is the council's working area. El Sayed also suggested simply emailing all faculty to solicit feedback for the council. Megan Lowe suggested that the mass email technique does not appear to be the most effective method of communication. Sami Nazzal suggested hosting a meeting for all faculty during faculty development week in order to encourage/seek participation in the council.

   Megan Lowe agreed to design a template webpage and Sami Nazzal agreed to seek approval from John Sutherlin to allow the newly designed research council page to be linked to OSPR.

6. Faculty Spotlight: Sami Nazzal requested all members provide written comments within this opinion document before next meeting and will communicate this request to all absent members.

7. Membership (Opinion No. 7): In response to Karen Witek's initiation of membership changes to the council, there was general agreement expressed in support of the current contents (including reducing the number of members, including a member from Visual and Performing Arts, and basing the number of representatives from each college on "population"). Other related items raised included questioning the rationale behind the current number of members, understanding the manner in which members are selected/appointed/volunteer, whether or not non-participatory members can

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be replaced, and whether or not votes can take place electronically. Sami Nazzal will discuss with OSPR Director, John Sutherlin. The goal is to increase the efficiency of the council by capitalizing on interest and increasing the likelihood of having a quorum.

8. Budget Worksheet: Tabled.

9. Endowed Professorships: Sami Nazzal again asked how the council to consider how it can encourage endowed professors, in general, to be more productive.

10. Research Misconduct: Sami Nazzal stated that the faculty senate is in the process of revising the research misconduct section of the faculty handbook.

11. Core Facilities: Tabled.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.