Research Council



Minutes

Date: May 1, 2017 Start time: Noon. Adjournment Time: 1:00 p.m. Location: 150 Sugar Hall

CHAIR	Kevin Baer
SECRETARY	Elizabeth Stammerjohan
ATTENDEES	Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, Dr. Kevin Baer, Dr. Sean Chenoweth, Dr. Khalid El Sayed, Dr. David Irwin, Ms. Megan Lowe, Dr. Sami Nazzal, Dr. Adam Pate, Dr. Elizabeth Stammerjohan, Dr. Richard Thurkill
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Dr. Joydeep Bhattacharjee, Dr. Katherine Boswell, Dr. John Sutherlin, Dr. Jana Sutton, Dr. Neil White, Dr. Paul Wiedemeier

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	Minutes of the January 30, 2017 meeting approved.	
DISCUSSION TOPICS	Apparently there was a miscommunication, and Dr. Sutherlin thought the meeting was at 1:00 PM. Dr. Baer will get his report and include it in these minutes (see below).	
	Nominations were opened for Chair and Secretary for the Research Council. Dr. Baer and Dr. Stammerjohan are rotating off. Dr. Irwin volunteered to be Secretary. There were no accepted nominations for Chair. There was some discussion as to the appropriate structure of the Research council and as to its function and how it could contribute more. The consensus was that the council represents, filters, and funnels faculty input directly to Dr. Sutherlin, and Dr. Sutherlin reports directly to Dr. Pani. It was generally felt that the research council did in fact perform a useful role in representing research to the administration. The council's role is advisory and supportive. Recommendations of the council become part of the academic record. It was suggested that a new chair might take a more proactive role in working with Dr. Sutherlin to promote policies that the faculty believe will promote quality research.	
	On another note, Dr. Irwin is going to an NIH training next week and volunteered to report back on news from that training.	
	Update from Dr. John Sutherlin Director, Research Corporation of Louisiana 1) Confirm that In-directs are being returned 2) Grant training this week: Thursday and Friday 3) Meeting with other universities: Delta Community, UL-L, UAPB, Ark-State, Delta State, Murray State, etcArranging meetings with others, Southern Miss and Xavier next.	

	4) Want to arrange trip to ULL so that ULM faculty can develop better partnerships 5) Developing an electronic signatory process for grants to speed up 6) Need representatives from Clinical Pharmacy to develop grants		
CONCLUSIONS	None		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None			

Approved by committee/council chair \underline{X} Yes on 05/08/2017