

# OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

## STRATEGIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES JUNE 24, 2009

Present: Chairperson Robert Bernhard, Peg Brinig, Richard Cox, Darren Davis, Terri Hall, Rick Hilliard, Roger Huang, Kate Mueller, Jarek Nabrzyski, Karen Pace, Tracey Poston, Liz Rulli, John Stamper, Greg Sterling, Robert Stevenson, Ann Strasser

Absent: Sunny Boyd, Bruce Bunker, Tom Cosimano, Mark Cummings, Melanie DeFord, Agustin Fuentes, William Gilroy, Jean Gorman, George Keegan, Larry Lamm, John LoSecco, Patricia Maurice, Fred Mittelstaedt, Dan Myers, John Nagle, Randy Ruchti, Richard Taylor, Jennifer Younger

Chairperson, Dr. Bernhard opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. and reviewed the agenda as distributed.

- I. **Review of May 6, 2009 Minutes** – The minutes were reviewed and approved.
- II. **Announcements** – Dr. Bernhard introduced two new Associate Vice Presidents for Research, Darren Davis, Professor of Political Science and Sunny Boyd, Professor of Biological Sciences. They will officially join the Office of the Vice President for Research on July 1, 2009.
- III. **Center for Social Research** – Dr. Bernhard introduced Kate Mueller, Associate Director of the Center for Social Research (CSR), to give an overview of the Center. The University recognized the lack of infrastructure for social science researchers and established the CSR to demonstrate its commitment to social research internally, to potential funding agencies, and to future faculty. The CSR will also promote interdisciplinary research between the social science departments, colleges, and schools. The Office of the Vice President for Research provides primary administrative and financial support and the College of Arts & Letters offers key guidance and additional financial support. Dr. Christian Smith, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, is the current CSR Director and responsible for its long-term vision and development. Some of the services provided by the CSR will include statistical consulting and training; assistance with survey research design and analysis; and data acquisition, management, and preparation. Questions may be directed to Kate Mueller at [kate.mueller@nd.edu](mailto:kate.mueller@nd.edu) or 1-6166.
- IV. **Proposal Development Support** – Liz Rulli, Assistant Vice President for Research reviewed proposal development services offered by the Office of the Vice President for Research. Qualifying proposals are considered on a case-by-case basis, but criteria generally includes budgets > \$1M, multiple investigators, interdisciplinary teams, and/or creation of a center/institute. Liz also shared that a position posting for a full-time staff dedicated to serve in this capacity is forthcoming. Contact Liz Rulli or Jennifer Morehead with any questions.
- V. **San Antonio Weekend Research Possibilities** – The Notre Dame-Washington State Football game scheduled October 31, 2009 will be held in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Bernhard explained that while the game is in neutral location, that events would be planned as if it is a home game. Dr. Bernhard received suggestions from the committee for possible events to raise the awareness of research at Notre Dame in the San Antonio/southeast Texas area.
- VI. **Department Sharing** – The attendees reported various ongoing activities.

- VII. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** – There being no further business brought to this Committee; the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bernhard  
Vice President for Research

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