

# OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

## STRATEGIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 26, 2010

Present: Chairperson Robert Bernhard, Brian Blake, Jan Botz, Sunny Boyd, Mark Cummings, Peg Brinig, Richard Cox, Darren Davis, Melanie DeFord, Jean Gorman, Tom Guinan, Terri Hall, Rick Hilliard, George Keegan, John LoSecco, Jarek Nabrzyski, Karen Pace, Tracey Poston, Liz Rulli, John Stamper, Robert Stevenson, Ann Strasser,

Absent: Julia Braungart-Rieker, Bruce Bunker, Peter Burns, Tom Cosimano, Agustin Fuentes, Roger Huang, Dan Myers, John Nagle, Ramachandran Ramanan, Greg Sterling, Richard Taylor, Jennifer Younger

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. and the agenda was reviewed. There were no additions to the agenda.

I. **Review of February 25, 2010 Minutes** – The minutes of the February 25, 2010 meeting were reviewed. One change was noted to a faculty name and the minutes were approved.

II. **Announcements** – Dr. Bernhard asked the committee to remember two colleagues not in attendance, Greg Sterling whose father had recently passed away and Julia Braungart-Rieker at the death of her brother-in-law.

Dr. Bernhard shared that the Director of Libraries, Jennifer Younger, would be stepping down mid-summer. Protocol for the search for a new director is outlined out in the Academic Articles. An Interim Director will soon be announced.

Dr. Bernhard also shared that the Pre-Award Administration, Post-Award Administration and Technology Transfer arms of the Office of Research would be relocating to the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of Grace Hall on April 9.

III. **Responsible Conduct of Research** – Dr. Bernhard gave a presentation developed by Tracey Poston, Director of Research Compliance, on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR). The main focus of RCR Training is to teach the students, and postdoctoral fellows how to conduct research in an ethical manner. The National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health recently added conditions to their grants that required award recipients to have a plan for training and oversight of RCR. To meet these new requirements, the University has been using CITI training modules. Feedback was solicited on the programs, from both a faculty and student perspective. Consensus was that the University should move forward with a plan to develop RCR training ultimate goal of requiring RCR Training for all with funded students and post docs.

IV. **Research Safety** – Dr. Bernhard asked the question of the faculty, “What are your experiences with research safety?” Faculty shared feedback on lab safety specific to their research and Dr. Bernhard presented his experience at another university as well as safety information from his involvement in the private sector. Dr. Bernhard, as part of the Institutional Risk and Compliance Committee, will keep the SRC apprised of any new developments regarding research lab safety protocol.

V. **Sharing** – The attendees reported various ongoing activities.

- VI. **Adjournment and Next Meeting** – There being no further business brought to this Committee; the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting of the SRC will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bernhard  
Vice President for Research

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