

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

STRATEGIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 1, 2008

Present: Robert Bernhard, Chairperson; Peg Brining, Tom Cosimano, Mark Cummings, Melanie Deford, Jean Gorman, Terri Hall, Robert Huang, Peter Kogge, Larry Lamm, John LoSecco, Dan Myers, Karen Pace, Tracy Poston, Randy Ruchti, John Stamper, Greg Sterling, Rich Taylor, Jennifer Younger

Chairperson, Dr. Bernhard opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Member introductions were made and Dr. Bernhard reviewed the agenda as distributed.

I. **The minutes of September 3** were corrected noting Tom Cosimano as present. Minutes approved as corrected.

II. Faculty Research Inventory - Dr. Bernhard introduced the Faculty Research Inventory agenda item noting that there are many inquiries from various audiences, such as university research departments, colleges, Governmental Agencies, funding agencies, foundations, development offices, etc., who are looking for specific information about faculty research expertise and capabilities. As a result of these requests, and the goal to have a World Class Support of Resource, consideration is recommended on developing a Faculty Research Inventory. Dr. Bernhard then asked Randy Ruchti, Assoc. Vice President for Research, to give an overview of the current Faculty Research Inventories.

Dr. Ruchti noted there are three inventories currently being used at the present time. An INDURE (Indiana Database of University Research Expertise) database was populated by the Office of Research. This development came as a request of the Indiana Economic Development Council to all Indiana Universities. The database was primarily developed to be searchable by name, keyword, discipline, and research center. The second database available is eRA-infoED (Electronic research administration) which was purchased by the Office of Research detailing internal documentation from information collected by Pre-award, Post-award and Technology Transfer areas respectively. The third database is Digital Measures which is primarily utilized by the Business and Law Schools for the assessment and reporting of faculty activity.

The pros and cons of the three inventories were discussed. It was noted that even though information gathered in the INDURE program is restricted to Indiana Universities it is more adapted to the overall information needed to be collected. It was noted that Office of Research should not consider to request our faculty to input information into three different databases. It was agreed that the Office of Research would proceed with updating information to the INDURE program. The data would be input by the eRA department of the Office of Research. Terri Hall will submit a spread sheet of the faculty information currently in the database to the respective Associate Deans. She will provide key words to include as part of the review process. A letter from Dr. Bernhard will be drafted to be disseminated by the Associate Deans to their faculty indicating the request to check and update their information. The faculty will be asked to submit changes directly back to the Office of Research.

III. The Report on Research for ND Reports Dr. Bernhard noted that the membership of the mandated University Committee on Research and Sponsored Programs participate in a joint meeting with the Strategic Research Committee. The question is whether separate minutes should be made or if minutes from the joint meeting could be submitted to the **ND Report**. It was agreed that the joint meeting minutes be the report to the **ND Report**

IV. Announcements - Anantha Shekhar, Director of Indiana CTSI for Indiana University School of Medicine, will be giving an information seminar on I-CTSI and how Notre Dame can partner with the CTSI on October 3 at 8:30 a.m. in 129 DeBartolo, which is open to all faculty. A Speed Collaborating Event and Reception with Memorial Hospital and the Notre Dame Researchers will take place on October 15, 2008, from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. at Innovation Café , 100 Navarre Place, South Bend.

Larry Lamm, announced three proposal for Nuclear Physics have been awarded by NSF.

Tracy Poston, Director of Compliance in the Office of Research, is available to do training for responsible conduct on research should any Department desire her assistance. Jean Gorman gave an update on the funding of the current campaign and several substantial commitments. There will be a visit on November 24 for possible funding to be received through the Lilly Endowment.

V. Adjournment and Next Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted

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