University Senate Research Committee Meeting
29 March 2019

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In Attendance: B. Conrique, D. Harall, M. Holland, G. Huber, R. Melhem, P. Morel, D. Salcido S. Sant, P. Smolinski, B. Yates

No comments or corrections were received for the minutes of Feb 22 meeting, so the minutes will stand as posted.

Do to conflicts with graduations, the meeting of April 26 will be moved to May 3.

Michael Holland the Vice Chancellor for Science Policy and Research introduced himself. He stated that he was previously the Director of the Center of Urban Science and at New York University. One of his activities was the development of the Big Science Boot Camp. The goal of the Boot Camp is to familiarize people with the process of preparing large team proposals. The current Boot Camp model proposal is the NSF engineering research center format. The plan is to hold the boot camp every spring.

P. Smolinski asked M. Holland if he would be a possible contact for people wanting to do community based research. He stated the he could be helpful with city and county contacts and that Paul Suppowitz may be better for contacts at the state level.

S. Shilpa asked what was covered at the boot camp. The camp goes through the elements of a large scale proposal. It covers the process and requirements for a NSF ERC proposal and involves the elements that are not required in a small scale grant.

D. Salcido asked what current examples of big centers, and M. Holland stated that CTSI is one example. He further stated that these big centers are larger than NIH program projects.

G. Huber stated that the Office of Compliance is endeavoring to make compliance easier for faculty. The Office is looking at the situation of business start-ups that are in the University. There can be complex issues with for profit companies in the University and with companies supported with University funds. The Office of Compliance is also working to integrate IT to bring together the Office of Research, IRB, COI and other forms and requirements. Planning is underway for the revision the COI (Conflict of Interest) and COC (Conflict of Commitment) policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25.