

# **University Research Council Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2008

## **I. Call to order**

Dr. Jeff Brown called the meeting to order of the University Research Council at **10:05** on **January 18, 2008** in **KL 330**.

## **Roll call**

Dr. Jeff Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Rohitha Goonatilake, Ken Tobin, Tom Vaughan, Tom Mitchell, John Maxstadt, Tagi Sagafi-nejad, Andres Rivas, Mohamed Ben-Ruwin, Louise Autio, Ron Anderson.

In *absentia* were Ned Kock, David Beck, Jerry Thompson and Cristina Hernandez.

## **II. Approve Minutes**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **III. Update on University Research Grants 2007-2008**

Dr. Brown reviewed the handout with all the members. It was suggested to add a Sunset Clause/Provision to these grants.

## **IV. Review of Restricted Research Grants**

Dr. Brown discussed the Restricted Research Grant handout with the council members.

## **V. University Travel Grants**

Dr. Brown discussed the Travel Grants handout with the council members.

## **VI. Faculty Development Leave**

The outcome of the faculty meeting was discussed by the council members. Applications for departmental leave will be solicited in Fall. This will be publicized to gain candidates. There are plans to fund 1 or more developmental leaves per year.

## **VII. Proposed Changes in Research Funding**

### (a) Increases in IDC funding Short-term and Long-Term

Dr. Brown went over the interlocking proposals for research funding. A Memo was handed out as an exhibit. This memo is meant to formalize the percentage of allocated monies. There will be a straight percentage for sponsored research and a 5% reserve for each following year.

- (b) Salary Savings via grant activity  
Dr. Brown discussed the potential arrangement as 10% of monies going towards an incentive process; limiting faculty.
- (c) Rollover of research accounts  
Dr. Brown explained that this would affect all accounts conservatively; research development funds, individual faculty accounts, etc.

### **VIII. Reapplication Limitations**

- (a) Limit number of years; optional years if funded via grant related salary savings  
Faculty will be eligible to apply twice in a 5 year period with a provision for those awarded grants to re-apply in subsequent years.
- (b) Reduced amount for year two (or 3), since re-writing/re-submitting a grant is easier?

### **IX. Other Business**

#### **Adjournment**

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55.

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Jeff Brown & Suzanne Alford

Minutes are pending approval by University Research Council.