

**William Paterson University
Research and Scholarship Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 2014
Raubinger Hall, Room 309**

In attendance: David Gilley and Jorge Arevalo (Co-Chairs); Annette Baron, Lourdes Bastas, Lucia McMahon, Sue Sgro, Pam Theus, Lisa Warner

Meeting called to order: 12:38 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Sue Sgro moved to approve the minutes; Lisa Warner seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Survey Update:

Jorge Arevalo has completed all updates to the survey. After a final round of testing by members of the Council this week, the survey will be ready for its scheduled implementation the week of December 1, 2014.

Council members are asked to promote the survey to the Deans and Chairs Councils in their respective Colleges. As the Council does not currently have representation from the College of Arts and Communication, Co-Chairs David Gilley and Jorge Arevalo will reach out to departments in that College. David will also request that the Senate Council promote the survey, emphasizing the “developed by faculty, for faculty” nature of the survey.

Open Access:

David Gilley has drafted a document on Open Access for presentation to the Senate on December 9th (the draft is included as an appendix to the November 6, 2014 meeting minutes). This document reflects and expands upon a general informational forum on OA that was conducted last semester by David Gilley and Richard Kearney.

The Council agreed that David should present the two main issues he has outlined in this document:

- a) How Open Access relates to consideration for tenure and promotion decisions
- b) Funding models for Open Access publishing

We discussed how Open Access relates to issues of peer-reviewed publishing practices, and expressed how best practices might be developed that would provide more clear guidelines regarding tenure and promotion procedures. The possibility of developing a system for evaluating peer-reviewed presentations and publications, and/or a handbook, were discussed as recommendations that might emerge as these discussions continue. At this point, however, David’s presentation to the Senate will focus on providing insights to

the two main issues identified above, before any specific plans or recommendations can be developed.

Members of the Council agreed to review David's draft and provide feedback specific to the College/discipline by Wednesday, December 3rd, so that he may revise the document before his December 9th presentation to the Senate.

Research and Scholarship Day

David Gilley and Jorge Arevalo met with Martin Williams, Provost Sandmann, and Susan Dinan to discuss ideas for promoting research and scholarship, particularly with regard to faculty/student collaboration. In 2016, Research and Scholarship day will coincide with Honors Week. The overall goal is to create a more integrated event that will include more campus and community participation. Future planning will include efforts to promote more student research, along with program and community events.

The Council discussed and proposed the following changes to the program for 2015:

- a) **Expand Event:** The 2015 event will also include an afternoon session on Wednesday, April 1st – perhaps a poster session?
- b) **Art Contest:** Expand student awareness of and participation in the event by sponsoring a contest to have students develop art for the program cover.
- c) **Outreach and Promotion:** The OSB has agreed to reach out to individual presenters to encourage them to encourage their colleagues and students to attend.
- d) **Student Participation:** Encourage professors to bring their classes, and/or offer students extra credit for the event

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucia McMahon