

**William Paterson University  
Research and Scholarship Council  
Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11/02/2015

Location: Raubinger Hall, Room 309 Conference Room

**Present**

Annette Baron (Adjunct Faculty Rep)

David Gilley (COSH)

Lilian Prince (COA&C)

Pam Theus (Library)

Lisa Warner (COE)

Martin Williams (Administrative Liaison)

1. The meeting came to order at 12:39 pm. A vote to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (11/02/15) meeting was tabled.
2. Annette and Lily volunteered to be members of the Independent Study subcommittee, which also includes David. This follows recent modification of the Senate's charge to the R&S committee.
3. Martin discussed Research and Scholarship "Day"
  - a. Two meetings regarding re-envisioning this event recently took place between R&S members and 1) representatives from the Honors College and the College of Science and Health Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2) Provost Sandmann. These meetings generated ideas that culminated in the following plan.
  - b. Plan for Research & Scholarship Week:
    - i. For Tues, Wed, and Thurs there will be one morning session and one afternoon session each day with a poster session in between. These sessions, by agreement of those present, will be College-sponsored sessions, meaning that the content and organization of the sessions is provided by the Colleges
    - ii. For Friday, there will be a plenary session in the morning consisting of an opening by the Provost, selected high-quality presentation(s) by WPU faculty (e.g., recent recipients of external funding), and a keynote address from a speaker outside the university. Lunch will be provided. After lunch there will be four concurrent sessions arranged by the R&S Council but committee sponsored. There will be a brief closing plenary session.
  - c. This plan was approved by Council vote
4. David provided an update on Open-access publishing issues
  - a. Lucia reported by email that the CoHSS open access forum, a follow-up to last year's CoSH forum, was held with the help of Richard Kearney. While successful, attendance was low, so a brief session on OA-publishing will be added to the spring College faculty meeting.
  - b. The new Open-access Pilot Program was discussed, including its implications for this Council. Council members agreed on the following points:
    - i. That we should encourage attendance by faculty at the OA information sessions arranged by the Provost for each college this Fall semester. This means college

representatives communicating with faculty in their college and attending the sessions themselves if possible.

- ii. That it falls within our Council's charges to follow-up on the pilot program to evaluate its effectiveness, provide suggestions for improvement, and be a resource for solving problems identified in the pilot.
- iii. That the planned Council-sponsored OA forums for the CCoB, CoE, and CoAC (CoSH and CoHSS already held) can be cancelled in light of the Provost sponsored sessions because of overlap of content. However, ways to provide continued support for education of faculty about OA publishing issues should be considered by the Council.

5. David provided an update on Independent Study issues

- a. He will be speaking in support of IS at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting
- b. David suggested that following the charge about this issue from the Senate Executive Committee, the Council draft a letter to be sent to the Chairpersons of each department requesting information about the recent history (Fall 2014-Fall 2015) and anticipated future of IS applications and approvals. David volunteered to draft this letter and seek clarification from the Executive Committee about the inclusion of graduate IS for this letter.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Gilley  
(acting secretary)