

WPU Faculty Senate Research Council Meeting

Date: 9/9/09

Location: Director's Conference Room, David & Lorraine Cheng Library

Minutes:

Present: Kevin Martus, Stephen Betts, Heejung An, Marina Budhos, Kelli (Asada) Smith, Beth Ann Bates (for Martin Williams), Jane Bambrick, Esther Martinez (guest)

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm.

Selection of council chair: Bambrick nominated Martus and An as co-chairs of the council. Seconded by Betts. Martus and An were unanimously elected as co-chairs.

Charges for Research Council: Martinez distributed copies of the charges for the Research Council and discussed the additions to the charges. A discussion of having Research & Scholarship Day during an Open House followed, but it was pointed out that there was no room for presentations to be made.

Name change: A proposal to change the council's name to "Research & Scholarship Council" was discussed. Martinez stated that the request was directed to the Governance Council.

Research & Scholarship Day: R&S Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010. The council discussed how to create a culture of participation in the event. Ideally, presenters would stay for the entire panel rather than presenting their work and leaving immediately after their presentation. Also, increased attendance is desired. A protocol/information sheet for presenters was suggested, as was replacing a class meeting with attendance of a panel. The council also discussed how to increase the number of submissions to the event. Martus liked the idea of having college meetings for faculty to present their work during R&S Day and encouraged the council to get their respective Deans to support and encourage participation. Betts suggested coordinating with research forums in the Business College and the Professional Enrichment Program. Bambrick suggested more press prior to R&S Day, perhaps a large banner to display, pictures in E-Focus or the Beacon. Bates suggested posters on easels to publicize the event. News 12 and the student newspaper were also given as options for getting the word out. Martus suggested talking to Nina Jemmott to encourage ART recipients to participate. Bates said that the IRB could also send memos to encourage participation and mentioned that we could ask faculty to offer extra credit for attending panels. Another suggestion was talking with Jim Hauser about linking R&S Day with the Writing Across the Curriculum awards. The winners of the contest could be announced at R&S Day which would get students involved and give them recognition. It was pointed out that this would require moving the WAC submission deadline from May to December, so an alternative was to have the winners present their work at R&S Day if the deadline couldn't be moved. It was suggested that students with independent studies and internships could also do presentations, although it was not clear whether internships were appropriate for the event. Council members were asked to check with their Deans about

including internship panels. The call for submissions will go out in December with a tentative deadline of February 1. A “save the date” notice will be sent out soon to make sure that the event is publicized. An will work on the save the date notice, Martus will contact the Provost’s Office regarding ART recipients, when the event date draws nearer Bambrick will contact the Beacon and Pioneer Times and look into the banner and posters. Bates will work on the protocol/information sheet for presenters. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, at 2 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelli Smith