

***Minutes:*** Senate Research Council

***Date:*** April 30, 2008

***Members Present:*** Heejung An, Jane Bambrick, Kevin Martus, Tom Uhlein, Martin Williams, Fuan Li

***Members Absent:*** Brian O'Broin

***Time:*** 2:00 to 3:30

The minutes for the Meeting on March 26, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

***University Research and Scholarship Day***

There was considerable discussion regarding Research Day, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Members agreed that participation should be increased and hopefully there will be eighty to one hundred presentations. Bambrick agreed to reserve the following rooms in University Commons: 168A, 168B, 171A, 171B and the Ballroom on the Third Floor. In addition the Paterson Room, the Amy Job Classroom and the Auditorium in the Library. Once the program has been firmly outlined and scheduled, we can cancel rooms as needed. There was consensus that the call for abstracts be mailed during the Fall 2008 semester with the necessary follow up letters.

Each year the Library hosts a reception, Authors' Recognition Day, to honor those members of the WP Community who have had their research published. The Library Director and the Committee hope to combine this Reception with University Research and Scholarship Day. There was some discussion as to what would be the best way to merge the two events and it was agreed that we can focus on these when we return in the Fall.

***Charges of the Council***

Members reviewed the existing Charges of the Council and discussed tentative charges for 2008/2009. The Committee will again consider whether or not Research Day should be a permanent mandate. Another charge that requires further investigation is the Survey that the Council distributed two years ago. It was suggested that the survey be compared with the questions that Jane Zeff compiles for institutional advancement. Such an examination would provide valuable information and additional insight for the formulation of questions on future surveys. The Committee agreed that the ART Application should also be reconsidered in the future. Further data is needed to determine who drafted the application and how it was implemented.

The Council agreed that the 2007/2008 academic year was a productive one and that the members, for the most part, were congenial, conscientious and dependable and look forward to a rewarding 2008/2009.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.