

**RESEARCH COUNCIL
YEAR-END SUMMARY
MAY 7, 2009**

Membership of the Research Council for the 2008/09 Academic Year.

Marina Budhos	College of Humanities and Social Science
Kelli Asada	College of Arts and Communication
Kevin Martus	College of Science and Health (Chair)
Stephen Betts	College of Business
Heejung An	College of Education
Jane Bambrick/J. Hocombe	Library
None	Professional Staff
None	Adjunct Representative
Martin Williams	Administrative Liaison

Overview

The Research Council met six times during the academic year. Four of the meetings were to conduct regular general business and two of which were dedicated solely for the organization and planning of the University Research and Scholarship Day. The dates of the meetings were 9/23/2008, 10/29/2008, 1/26/2009, 2/17/2009, 3/10/2009, and 3/30/2009 and the minutes for the meetings were submitted to the Faculty Senate Office. Kevin Martus agreed to chair the council at the first meeting on September 23, 2009.

Summary of Activities

Research and Scholarship Day

The planning and organization of the Research and Scholarship Day received the most attention by the council during the course of the academic year. The event held in the University Commons and the Atrium on April 2, 2009. The events held throughout the day included concurrent individual and group presentations, poster presentations, College of Science and Health's Center for Research Presentations, College of Humanities and Social Science's April Faculty Research Seminar, Cheng Library's Authors Reception, and the Office of Sponsored Program's Recognition of Award Recipients. A well-rounded representative cross section of the University presented work during the event.

The total number of submitted abstracts (oral and poster presentations) for the event was fifty-four. This value did not include the CSH and CHSS faculty presentations. The tally for the number of abstracts/presentations for the past six programs is listed in the table below.

Table # 1 – Number of abstracts submitted for Research and Scholarship Day.

	2003	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009
Presentation	50	44	42	37	36	40
Poster	0	23	32	7	13	14
Total	50	67	74	44	49	54

The Council suggested that Research and Scholarship Day be held on April 1, 2010 and that one year advanced planning of the event should increase the number of participants. If the attendance maintains a steady increase then the Council should look into making Research and Scholarship Day a standing charge.

Name Change of the Council

The council briefly discussed the issue of changing the name of the council to “The Council on Research and Scholarship” to better reflect the scope of the various faculty and student research/scholarship based works. Although no formal vote was taken to initiate the change the consensus of the group was to have this item as a charge for the next year’s council.

Internal Research Opportunities for Faculty and Staff

The council began collecting information from the five colleges to determine what type of research projects are internally supported at the Dean level for faculty and staff during the academic year and during the summer months. A set of questions evolved and the next year's council should be able to finish collecting and compiling the information.

Suggested New Charges

- 1) ***ART Application.*** The Council agreed that the ART application should be reviewed and points on the application be clarified (e.g. submission of the previous final report even when the current ART year is in progress). Additional data is needed to determine who drafted the application and the rationale behind some of the questions.
- 2) ***Council Name Change.*** Given that "Research and Scholarship Day" was the primary focus of the council charges and tasks, the council should develop a resolution for the Faculty Senate to change the name of the Council to "Research and Scholarship".
- 3) ***Council Standing Charges.*** A complete review, with direction from the Faculty Senate, of all standing charges for the Research Council should be considered.
- 4) ***Internal Research Opportunities for Faculty and Staff.*** A survey of each of the individual college's approach to supporting faculty and staff research should be reviewed, information compiled and analyzed.
- 5) ***Faculty survey regarding scholarly activity.*** The survey has been administered in 05/06 and 06/07 academic years. Furthermore, additional results from the office of Institutional Advancement might glean additional information regarding attitudes toward research and scholarship. The Council should review all pertinent information and present the findings to the Faculty Senate. An additional year of the survey may not realize the same response rate and would only garnish additional statistics regarding faculty scholarship.