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USFSP Faculty Research Council Meeting  
September 1, 2006

Members Present: Cynthia Leung, Chair; John Arthur, Wei Guan, Ellen Hufnagel, Tina Neville (for Patricia Pettijohn), Joyce Nutta, Erik Odgaard; Chris D'Elia, ex officio.

Ellen Hufnagel nominated Cynthia Leung as chair for 2006-2007, Erik Odgaard seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Joyce Nutta volunteered to take minutes.

The council discussed the revised research misconduct document. Chris D'Elia provided background information on its development. Council members expressed concern about the lack of consultation with regional campuses during the development of the document.

Specific concerns regarding the research misconduct document included: 1) the standard of preponderance of evidence, by which the burden of proof shifts to the accused once the allegation is substantiated; 2) the lack of staggered terms, which will cause the entire committee to turn over at the same time; 3) whether the vice president for research should appoint a chair of the faculty committee rather than having the committee elect its own chair; 4) when notification of research sponsors takes place; 5) protection of the reputation of an individual under investigation given the Sunshine laws.

The major concern of the discussion was ensuring involvement of regional campus representative(s) in the misconduct review of any faculty member from the regional campus. This could be accomplished by requiring notification of the research director at the campus of the faculty member under investigation once an investigation has begun and by including representation from all regional campuses in the standing committee.

A timeline of important dates related to the USFSP Internal Award Program was provided to members of the Research Council. The deadline for faculty to submit NIRG and SIRG proposals is October 11, 2006. Pat Scott will be available to answer questions about the award program (873-4096 or pscott@spadmin.usf.edu). The Research Council will need to meet to review research proposals before November 1, 2006, which is the date when awards will be announced through email. Procedures to follow when reviewing proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chris D'Elia would like members of the Research Council to email him 1) ideas on ways to foster interdisciplinary research and research in the humanities at USFSP and 2) thoughts on whether or not we should establish an annual USFSP Research Symposium on our campus.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Coquina 201, the conference room of the College of Education.

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