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USFSP Faculty Research Council Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2011 Chancellor's Conference Room

Present: Scott Geiger (Chair), Alejandro Brice, Deb Henry, and Deby Cassill

Regrets: Michiko Otsuki, Charlie Vanover, and Pat Scott

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Scott Geiger. It was determined that four members did constitute a quorum and the meeting continued.

Membership on the USFSP Research Council

Council discussed the responsibilities of the Research Council with reference to the number of representatives from each college and the library. Scott recommended reducing the membership from two to one member from each college and the library, beginning with fall semester 2011. Deby moved to accept the recommendation, Deb seconded, and all members voted in favor.

Research Month

In Pat's absence, the Council agreed to communicate via email if any discussions, announcements, or help is needed towards this effort.

Student Research web site

Deby suggested that USFSP create a web site to list opportunities for student participation in research, similar to information sites that the Tampa campus sponsors. Students would then apply directly to the faculty researcher with openings. Alejandro suggested that this listing might be tied into the web page for the student research journal (SRJ). The journal committee has similar plans to create a list of faculty who would be willing to serve as mentors and reviewers. Such a list might serve both purposes, providing a community structure for these activities. Council members responded enthusiastically and other ideas about possible funding and how to advertise were discussed. Scott asked members to continue to brainstorm and share ideas via email.

Tenure Research Guidelines

Deby expressed concern over the lack of communication about and/or awareness of some existing documentation describing tenure expectations. She offered to write a summary or bullet list of the research requirements included in this document. Scott suggested that UFF be consulted to get their perspective. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Scott will email information about the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Henry