# Research Council Minutes

The Research Council met on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 @ 1 pm in the University Center Cardinal Room.

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<th>Members present:</th>
<th>Christopher Cooper, Karena Cooper-Duffy, Michelle Hargis, John Hawes, Paul Jacques, Sue McPherson, Krista Schmidt, Phil Sanger, Reginald Rogers, Roger Lirely, Jane Eastman, Vicki Szabo, Ben Tanner, Michael Smith, Mark Holliday</th>
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<td>Members absent:</td>
<td>Peter Bates, Linda McIntosh, Scott Higgins, Meagan Karvonen, Erin Tapley, Thomas Ford, Hal Herzog</td>
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<td>Others present:</td>
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### Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the September 24 meeting were approved as distributed.

### Announcements

- Steering Committee for Faculty Scholarship Celebration is meeting weekly
- Graduate Research Symposium will be held March 26th
- Collaborative research within UNC system is encouraged as is collaborative research across disciplines is encouraged. See Scott Higgins for assistance.
- Export Control Communication Plan has not been approved by Board of Trustees yet, but has been incorporated into international travel and HR training.
- IRB & IACUC reports will be a regular agenda item
- IRB training announced in RA bulletin.
- RAMSeS is scheduled to go live January 19, 2009.
- Research Publication is in the print stage.
- Research Administration is continuing college visits.

### Follow-up Business

- **Internal Awards**: Criteria and due dates for awards on web. Dual evaluation criteria for Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award proposed.
- **Research Council**: 3 year terms, 1/3 membership change per year

### New Business

- **Research Council Roles and Responsibility**: Enthusiastic discussion regarding mission of RC at WCU, RC role in defining and enhancing research at WCU, determining what WCU strengths are, assistance for departments, scholarly activity versus scholarship, what is peer review, quality versus quantity in publication and research, method to provide collaborative research match making service.
- **Collegiate Review Documents**: What do department CRDs say about research? What about peer institutions?

### Other Business

- **None**

### Action

- **Subcommittees**: Informal committee formed to explore CRDs

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.