The Research Council Minutes
December 7, 2006

The Research Council met on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 2:00 pm in the University Center Catamount Room.


Members absent: S. Acheson, K Cooper-Duffy, G. Knotts, M. Kartlet, G. Moller, S. O’Connell, P. Sanger

Others present: Casey Hurley, Member, Faculty Senate Collegial Review Committee

Announcements
Grants Forum Report was released December 5th. Agenda announcements listing.

Old Business
1. Meeting Agenda
   Send Scott agenda items prior to scheduled meeting in January.

2. Spring Semester Meeting Time/Date
   It was agreed the Council will meet on Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the months in which a meeting is scheduled. A January meeting will be scheduled.

3. Start-Up Packages Update
   Examples of packages were distributed. Further discussion will be scheduled at a future meeting.

4. Summer Research Grant Revision
   Shelly and Scott are reviewing the Summer Research Grant criteria and process. The intent will be to provide monies for research grants for non-sponsored and sponsored research grants.

5. Grants Forum Report – December 5th
   Shelly reported on the outcome of the forum. Several committees have been formed to deal with post award issues.

Approval of the Minutes
The November 15, 2006 minutes were distributed on December 2nd. No changes noted by members.

New Business
The council welcomed Casey Hurley, a member of the Faculty Senate Collegial Review Committee. Casey was invited to discuss the WCU Collegial Review Guidelines for Scholarship and Service as presented to the October 16th session of the Faculty Senate for action.

Casey discussed the work and purpose of the Faculty Senate Collegial Review Committee in conjunction with the University Collegial Review Committee (formerly University Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment Committee) and the Provost. He described the guidelines as “minimal” and the need for department and college.

A discussion ensued seeking clarification and example of Ernest Boyer’s four types of scholarship and the resulting guidelines on page 7 of the WCU Collegial Review document. Examples of the four types of Scholarship and Service were presented by members of the Council. How does the Research Council get officially involved with the SF?

After a very constructive dialogue, it was agreed that Casey Hurley would propose to the Faculty Collegial Review Committee that the Research Council serve as an advisory group to the University Collegial Review Committee in reviewing department TPR criteria.

Action
The Council will continue to discuss the scholarship activity and guidelines after the new year. The Council will await the outcome to the Casey Hurley proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Submitted by – John Hawes