

**RESEARCH COUNCIL
YEAR-END SUMMARY
JUNE 6, 2008**

Membership of the Research Council for the 2007/08 Academic Year.

Brian O’Broin,	College of Humanities and Social Science
Tom Uhlein	College of Arts and Communication
Kevin Martus	College of Science and Health (Co-Chair)
Fuan Li	College of Business
Heejung An	College of Education (Co-Chair)
Jane Bambrick	Library
None	Professional Staff
None	Adjunct Representative
Martin Williams	Administrative Liaison

Overview

The Research Council met six times during the academic year to discuss the charges and had two additional meetings/workshops solely for the organization and planning of Research and Scholarship Day. The dates of the meetings were 10/09/2007, 10/30/2007, 11/28/2007, 12/18/2007, 2/13/2008, and 4/30/2008 and the minutes for each meeting were submitted to the Faculty Senate Office. The two organizational meetings prior to the Research and Scholarship Day (4/3/2008) were held on 3/12/2008 and 3/26/2008. Heejung An and Kevin Martus agreed to co-chair the council at the first meeting on October 9, 2007.

Summary

I) *What were your charges?*

- 1) ***Organize Research and Scholarship Day, including an evaluation of the possible inclusion of graduate research.*** The planning and organization of the Research and Scholarship Day received the most attention by the council during the course of the academic year. Various avenues to increase participation and include other on-campus research based organizations were explored. Discussions were held with various groups, such as the Science and Health’s *Center for Research*; however, these other groups had already committed to a date and were unable to contribute. Another suggestion was to encourage more student participation from not only the sciences, but also other fields. This mode worked well with participation from previously underrepresented departments such as the Department of Art. The program was offered on April 3, 2008 in the new University Commons. The total number of submitted abstracts (oral and poster presentations) for the event was forty-nine. The tally for the past five programs is listed in the table below.

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

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

- 2) ***Work with Governance Council to add Research and Scholarship Day to the Standing Charges of the Research Council in the Bylaws.*** The Council discussed with the Senate Executive Committee the rationale behind this charge and the charge was modified to make a recommendation to the Senate whether or not Research and Scholarship Day should be added to the standing charges of the Research Council. After much discussion the Council recommends that this charge be listed again for the 2008/09 Council. This was based on the lackluster number of abstracts being submitted for the event. The Council did already set a date for the 2009 Research and Scholarship Day on April 2, 2009 in an effort to boost the number of abstracts and attendance to the event. The Council has made contacts with the Library to combine the Authors’ Recognition Day with Research and Scholarship Day.

- 3) **Faculty Survey Regarding Scholarly Activity.** The results of the 06/07AY Faculty Survey regarding scholarly activity were distributed to the members of the committee. The committee discussed the results of the survey and thought that these results should be compared with the questions and results that Jane Zeff compiles for institutional advancement. The Council agreed that the material should be presented to the Faculty Senate and that this should be a charge for the next year's Council.
- 4) **Review and Dissemination of the "Conflict of Interest" and the "Scientific and Academic Fraud and Misconduct" Policies.** Since the Provost's Office did not distribute the policies to the Council, the Council did not review the charge.

II) *What charges do you think should remain in place for next year's Council/Committee? (Aside from the standing charges)*

- 1) **Research and Scholarship Day.** The Council suggests that Research and Scholarship Day be held on April 2, 2009 and that one year advanced planning of the event should increase the number of participants. The new council may wish to consider ways to improve the promotion and attendance to the oral presentations. The council may wish to consider collaborations with the various research centers of the five colleges and graduate studies to explore ways that the Senate and Research Council can promote and support research and scholarship. If the attendance to the event increases then the Council should look into making Research and Scholarship Day a standing charge.
- 2) **Review and dissemination of the "Conflict of Interest" and the "Scientific and Academic Fraud and Misconduct" policies.** If the Provost's office completes their assessment of the "Conflict of Interest" and "Scientific and Academic Fraud and Misconduct" policies then the Research Council should look over these documents.
- 3) **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.

III) *What new charges (if any) do you think should be given to next year's Council/Committee? Please include a brief explanation for each proposed charge.*

- 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, thought should be given to changing 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.

IV) *If you have any additional comments to make, please do so here.*

None.