

University Research Council
Minutes
December 1, 2005
Admin 1-47 4:00 pm

Issues

1. Charge statement

Revised Charge Statement Approved by Membership.

As the University Research Council is an integral component of research on Campus, it shall provide advice to the director of Graduate Studies & Research and to the Provost concerning the research mission of the Campus. Specifically, the Council is charged to review and recommend policies regarding research, its funding, its infrastructure, its relation to graduate and undergraduate academic degree programs, its service to the community, and intellectual property. Also, the Council is charged to review the needs of faculty, other researchers and students and to make recommendations to facilitate the research process and productivity in the University. Further, the Council shall review and recommend policies on the establishment, naming, reorganization, or abolition of research-based bureaus, centers, or institutes. Additionally, when it perceives problems, the Council may undertake investigative studies and recommend solutions.

2. Benchmarking Committee. Dr. Bulot discussed the benchmarking committee. Members were given specific universities to contact colleagues in their specific discipline to discover what cost-saving measures, if any were taken as a result of the budget reductions each school experienced. Dr. Bulot is to email each member a list of schools, contact information and a template of questions to ask. Members are to send their findings to Dr. Bulot.
3. Encouragement to submit grants – incentives, congratulations (from Provost or President) for successful proposals, newspaper recognition. Dr. Eaton is to bring this issue up with the provost.
4. Dr. McGahan discussed his role in working with the Mayors office on research development in the City of Monroe. Will continue to work in this capacity and keep committee posted.
5. Announcements – none
6. Adjournment