



RESEARCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: January 29, 2019

Start Time: 3:00 PM Adjournment Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Sandel 209

Meeting: X Regular; ____ Special

CHAIR	Joydeep Bhattacharjee
SECRETARY	Jana Sutton
ATTENDEES	Nektarios Baraboutis, Jean Chamcheu, Leigh Hersey, Judith Kalinich, Susan Lacey, Girish Shah, John Sutherlin, Siva Murru
ABSENT (excused)	Megan Lowe, Paul Wiedemeier
ABSENT (other)	
GUESTS	Meghan Risinger

AGENDA

- Introduction of new staff member by John Sutherlin

Dr. Sutherlin introduced Meghan Risinger, Grants/Projects Developer, OSPR. Dr. Sutherlin also summarized the successes of OSPR and external funding of ULM in the last year. Research dollars increased by 40% from the previous year, over 120 faculty members are involved in funded research, and 89 proposals were funded last year for a total of just under \$14 million. Together with the Deans, Dr. Sutherlin has drafted a policy on workload (“Compensation through an Award Policy”) and an intellectual property policy (“Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Policy”). The former is to work toward incentivizing faculty to write grants through course releases and other similar buy-outs. The latter has never existed before at ULM and the first draft is intended to measure the viability of commercialization/licensing, be fair to all disciplines, and is based upon successful policies from research intense institutions. Future collaborations with the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine were discussed.

Dr. Chamcheu discussed the need for a ULM statistician, to benefit research proposals and awards.

- Council on Undergraduate Research

Dr. Bhattacharjee suggested seeking financial support from OSPR to send a top undergraduate student to the annual conference to further explore the benefits of joining the organization (\$880 per institution). The council by general consent preferred to send a member of the council also, if funding is available.

- Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer

Dr. Bhattacharjee requested that council members send him feedback on the draft document within two weeks.

- Compensation through an Award Policy

Dr. Bhattacharjee requested that council members send him feedback on the draft document by Mid-March.

- Other

Dr. Bhattacharjee will invite the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Steven Siconolfi, to a future council meeting.

Approved by committee/council chair

Yes

On: 2/8/19