

THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE
Research Council Minutes
November 16, 2006

Members Present: V. Eaton, J. McGahan, T. Parker, D. Smith, T. Sasek, J. Low, F. Gibson, G. Shah, H. Williamson, H. Mehendale, N. Campbell.

Members Absent: J. Bulot (excused), L. Bryan (excused), J. Carr (excused) K. Clow (excused)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Virginia Eaton on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 2:00 p.m in the College of Arts and Science Conference Room. The following items were discussed.

Item 1—Research Council Appointments

A sheet listing the rotation of Research Council members was distributed. The Chair for next academic year will be discussed during the January meeting.

Item 2--Institutional Compliance Consultant Visit

V. Eaton has received the Huron Consulting Group report. The report will be discussed at a future meeting

Item 3— Indirect Costs

N. Campbell provided information regarding indirect costs. Currently, indirect costs are distributed with 50% going to the General Fund and 50% going to Academic Affairs. The proposed distribution of indirect costs involved 50% to General Fund and 50% distributed between the primary investigator, Department, Dean, and Graduate Studies. The primary investigator is currently planned to receive the largest % of the 50% going to non-General Fund. However, the exact percents have not been decided. This split of indirect costs involves all research grants. Most service grants would not be split in this fashion.

Item 4— Handling of Data (disposal)

Each department has (should have) a records management plan. It was unclear if these plans have statements regarding the disposal of confidential data related to research. Further investigation and discussion is planned.

Item 5—IRB Training

Committee members are asked to make suggestions regarding possible deletion of some of the required modules in the IRB training.

Item 6--Development Grants and Matching \$'s for Graduate School

A proposal for a possible development grants program was presented. Members of the committee were asked to make comments/suggestions to T. Sasek.

Item 7—Faculty Overloads

The situation of faculty overloads was discussed. The concern was that if a large number of faculty are teaching overloads (especially semester after semester) research productivity would be affected. N. Campbell will bring a faculty overload report to the next meeting.

Item 8—Roles of Graduate Assistants

Discussion concerned the use of GA's for teaching related activities. V. Eaton indicated that it was the Graduate School's policy that GA's be involved in some research activities. This policy did not disallow GA's to do some teaching related activities.

Item 9--Sabbaticals

Noted for future discussion. H. Mehendale will provide additional information on the topic at a future meeting.

Item 10— Professors Involved in Research

Noted for further discussion.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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