

Research & Scholarship Council  
Minutes for Monday, May 2, 2016

Present: Baron, Gilley, McMahan, Theus, Warner, Williams.

The meeting began at 2:06 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Explorations 2016 Highlights:**

Explorations 2016 went very well. Overall, the sessions were well attended, with 240 people in attendance at the various College-sponsored sessions.

According to Martin Williams, there were 68 posters, 37 oral presentations, and another 88 presentations for the Honors College. For the undergraduate research symposium, there were 109 posters. Overall, we had a total of 214 presentations of all kind.

The conference on Friday April 22, 2016 went very well, with 45 people in attendance. Informal feedback received was very positive.

Dave Gilley suggested that we solicit feedback on Explorations 2016. Martin Williams will post a link requesting feedback, and will send out an email to the Council members for distribution to their college faculty.

**Planning for Next Year:**

The council discussed a number of ideas for next year's planning:

- Work with the Deans to encourage stronger college leadership in support of Explorations
- Develop a durable logo to brand all affiliated events
- Create large banners for key locations
- Post conference signs for event rooms
- Revise submission process
- Continue to work with Marketing to promote events
- Event planning for 2017: Honors week is scheduled for April 24-27, 2017; the Undergraduate Research Symposium is scheduled for April 22, 2017. The council decided that the College-sponsored faculty research sessions will be held the same week as Honors week, but the Authors' Reception may be held earlier in the month.
- Work on being more inclusive of creative expressions—exhibits, performances, etc.

**Independent Studies:**

Dave Gilley sent the report for distribution to chairs; we should recommend that the council will be charged with following up next year.

**Year End Report:**

The sub-committees will send updates to Pam Theus by June 1<sup>st</sup>; the committee will revise and edit by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Suggested Charges for Next Year:*

- The I&I report was received in April, and will be discussed next year in the RSCE Council.
- Follow-up on Independent Studies Report

Once the year end report is drafted, we can discuss additional suggested charges for the 2016-2017 council.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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