

WPU Faculty Senate Research Council
Approved Minutes, September 23, 2008

Present: Kevin Martus, Heejung An, Joanna Holcombe, Steve Betts, Martin Williams

Not Present: Marina Budhos, Kelli Asada. No Adjunct Representative appointed yet.

1. Meeting called to order by convener, K. Martus.
2. Agenda of meeting presented. Motion to accept by H. An, seconded by J. Holcombe, all in favor: accepted.
3. Election of Chair: H. An nominated K. Martus, seconded by S. Betts, K. Martus accepted nomination, all in favor: K. Martus elected chair.
4. General Discussion of Charges. Group discussed ART application and process as well as other charges in general and decided to ask Senate Vice President T. Finnegan to come speak with the Council about the charges and the Executive Committee's expectations. Discussion of specific charges followed.
 - a. Research and Scholarship Day. Date already set for April 2, 2009; promotion can begin anytime. K. Martus stated that he would like this year's R&S Day to be the best ever, so along with the involvement of all Council members, assistance will be needed from the Executive Committee, Provost's Office and probably other areas as well. Promotion: K. Martus stated that we might be the only university doing this type of program this way, and would like the Council to consider doing an article for a journal such as the CUR Quarterly Review, articles for local papers, E-Focus, Beacon/Pioneer Times and other publications. This would be to "create a halo effect" to raise interest in the event. Council discussed posters used in 2007 and 2008 and possibility of revising one of them for 2009 as well with thought of making it a logo for R&S Day going forward. K. Martus volunteered to talk to Tom Uhlein about his design and the poster. First announcement should go out this semester, and maybe the call for sessions as well. Participants: M. Williams stated that there were between 30 and 40 participants in 2007 and 2008, with a higher average in years before that. K. Martus challenged council to increase this to as many as 200 for 2009. Council discussed the research colloquia in each of the colleges and found that not all colleges or departments host these now, some do 1/year, some are very active, and others – like Biology and Psychology – even sponsor student days that students from many area colleges attend. Discussion of linking our day to college/departmental events. The date of this is already timed with the Authors Recognition Event hosted by the Library. This should be explored further this semester. Location: Rooms were reserved in University Center last spring. Need to confirm and to reserve additional space for now. Discussion of panel presentations, keynote speaker, use of authors, changing/modifying hours to accommodate evening students as ways to encourage participation by presenters and audience.

- b. Other Charges: IRB, Conflict of Interest and Misconduct & Fraud policies were all reviewed two years ago and so did not need to be addressed this year. Summer Research Program: discussion about what to do about this charge. Study the programs and offer insights? Study program differences, successes and problems? Could not agree if there would be value to this. Discussed looking at these in concert with looking at ART, CfR, CCOB support program, and thought this might be of greater value. Council thought that it could do both this and R&S Day but would need to discuss more at the next meeting.
5. Next Meetings: K. Martus will poll the council for dates in October and November for available dates about the middle of each month.
6. Meeting adjourned at 3:30. (Motion by H. An, second by S. Betts, all in favor.)

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Williams
Director, Office of Sponsored Programs
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