

University Research Council
December 6, 2018
3:30-5:00 pm, Room 334 Bascom Hall

Attending: *Council Members:* Paul Ahlquist, Tim Donohue, Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, Christopher Kucharik, Kevin Niemi, Mario Ortiz-Robles, Carol Ryff, Elliott Sober, Sainath Suryanarayanan, Cecilia Stodd, Kirsten Wolf
VCRGE Office: Steve Ackerman, Nadine Connor, Cynthia Czajkowski, Norman Drinkwater, Brian Fox, Jan Greenberg, Florence Hsia, Kim Moreland

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2018 Meeting (Norman Drinkwater)

There is one change, Kevin Niemi said he was not at this meeting. There was unanimous support to accept the amended minutes.

3. WARF Budget for FY20 (Norman Drinkwater)

The total budget is \$60,800,000 which is \$2 million more than FY18. There were 2 changes in FY17. There had been no budget for D2P and it is now \$750,000; and there was an increase to the cluster hire program, going from \$5 to 6 million. It is likely that extra money will be requested for cluster hires next year. Norman touched on the importance of making investments to the cluster program because it brings great faculty to campus.

4. Update on Human Subjects Research Compliance (Nadine Connor/Jan Greenberg)

They have been working on this for at least the last 2 years. The purpose is to align authority and operations. Compliance has traditionally resided in schools/colleges, but effective Jan. 1st the HS-IRB administration will all be moved under the OVCRGE. This allows for better communication between the IRBs and investigators. This has been endorsed by the Chancellor and has gotten support from the Dean at SMPH.

The ED-SBS IRB already moved over effective Oct. 17th and there has been positive feedback. The Health Sciences IRB will still occupy the same space on the west side.

There was a 2016 survey that showed a reason for needing to change. A lot of areas were in need of improvement and investigators were very unhappy with IRB. Casey Nagy did some benchmarking with peer institutions and they all generally report up through the research area. Our structure was not found elsewhere.

5. New Approaches to Industry Research Agreements (Norman Drinkwater)

There has been feedback that UW is hard to work with in regards to Intellectual Property. Brian Fox chaired a committee about 2-3 years ago that pulled together the policies regarding industrial sponsored research.

The take-aways are: 1) Can't give away other people's stuff; 2) Can't prevent students from publishing their work; 3) If federally supported research on a related topic is going on in the same lab, co-mingling is presumed; 4) Industry sponsors pay indirects at the current federal rate.

In the last 6 months UW has successfully put together new agreements with Foxconn, Johnson Controls and 3M.

6. Informational Updates:

a. OAR/Bayh-Dole (Brian Fox)

The Outside Activities Report is a requirement from the Board of Regents and the federal government for all faculty members and staff. They have put together a new electronic system which is easier to use and also has a searchable database. There is a need for people to make sure this is completed and if it is not done, it is connected to pay raises by UW System regulations. It is the faculty and staff's responsibility to keep it up to date.

The law has changed in regards to the Bayh-Dole Act. Every investigator on campus should have received an email with a document that they will need to read and sign, certifying that they understand the Bayh-Dole obligation.

b. New Center Planning Activities (Norman Drinkwater)

The next meeting is going to be Feb/March timeframe. With the URC now being a governance group there will be 3 things they have to vote on. 1) Closing a center; 2) Starting a new center; 3) Renaming a center.

The review of the Biotech Center last April raised a number of issues. We need to ensure that the faculty has the resources to fulfill cutting edge research. The Genome Center is currently imbedded within Biotech, but planning has begun to separate the two centers and the Genome Center would become a new center.

7. Other Business

- According to Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, the chair of the search committee for the next VCRGE, there have been a lot of applicants. They are hoping to have someone hired around April.
- Data Science and Microbiome were past strategic initiatives. The new initiative is social problems. The committee needs to think about and discuss what the initiative should be for next year.