Committee on Research Minutes  
of the 1/21/14 meeting

Present: SuJean Choi, Abdur Chowdhury, Kim Factor, Sarah Feldner, Jeanne Hossenlopp, Sarah Knox, Donnalee McCarthy, Tim McMahon, Kristy Nielson, Chris Okunseri, Joe Schimmels
Also Present: Melody Baker (note taker), Kathy Durben (ORSP), Austin Fritsch (ORC), Kevin Gibson (Grad School), Ben Kennedy (ORC), Tom Pionek (OMC)
Excused: Chad Oldfather

The meeting was called to order by Dr. McMahon at 9:05 a.m. The agenda was approved with a couple of minor changes by Dr. McMahon.

Reports:
Report from the Vice Provost for Research -
   The Innovation Funds pre-proposal due date is February 6th. Dr. Hossenlopp encouraged everyone to attend the President’s State of the University address next Thursday.
   Dr. Hossenlopp would like to increase the attendance of the Distinguished Scholars Reception this year. MU needs to celebrate the accomplishments of all faculty. She will be working on ways to better support and encourage faculty in their research.
   Lastly, Dr. Hossenlopp reported that the Clinical and Translational Science Award grant application was submitted to NIH last week.

Report from the Chair –
   Dr. McMahon said the upcoming Joint Faculty Forum will be discussed later in the meeting.

Report from the Director of ORSP –
   Ms. Durben shared an update on applications, awards, and patents. She also announced that Joe Schimmels was elected to be a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). Marquette is now a member of the NAI.
   She also reported that ORSP is working with MPS to facilitate a research agenda, and explained a new NIH submission process, ASSIST.
   Dr. Gibson added that he is submitting an innovation pre-proposal to setup a research resource for students, to assist them in finding research money when they have an idea and asked members for any input.

Report from OMC (Tom Pionek) –
   Mr. Pionek used a PowerPoint to report on what the OMC has accomplished since July. Initiatives include – working the innovation message into research activities, expanding the reach of Discover Research to more alumni, and adding a spread called
“Focus on Research” to *Marquette Magazine*, which will be a new permanent feature. OMC has worked with college magazines to make sure there is always at least one story on research. Mr. Pionek also reported the numbers on media coverage of research stories and said OMC has increased the visibility of research on social media outlets. OMC is also exploring the use of medium research outlets and integrated advertising.

The members acknowledged and thanked Mr. Pionek for his continued presence at the COR meetings and the efforts he and his office have made to act on the items that members have raised for greater attention by OMC.

**Business:**

*Review Haggerty nominations* –

After brief discussion, members agreed the award would go to the top ranked nominee. A vote was taken for the top two ranked nominees with 7 in favor of the #1 ranked and 1 in favor of the #2 ranked nominee. Dr. Hossenlopp will notify the awardee and send letters to nominators whose candidates were not selected.

*Procedures for Way-Klingler Young Scholar and Fellowship awards* –

Members received packets of applications for both awards today and the review and ranking procedure was briefly discussed.

*Innovation funds ideas* –

Dr. Okunseri proposes to set up a research institute that would cover many disciplines, being led by a director, and discipline leaders, that would eventually become self-sustaining. Dr. Okunseri explained how various disciplines could contribute to others. There was some discussion of whether it would be useful to some disciplines, such as biomedical sciences, and some members were unsure of how easy it would be to pull in people who are already involved in specific streams of research.

Dr. Choi proposed an outreach center that would also address the importance of promoting MU and its academics and serve as a way to increase visibility. Dr. Hossenlopp shared that a Community Engagement website was just set up, and will send web link to members. [http://www.marquette.edu/community-engagement] She also advised that it is possible others are creating similar proposals.

It was suggested that it could be something other than money that is keeping people from collaborating across disciplines. It could be the barrier of needing to keep on your own research track, and do what is necessary for reviews, promotions, tenure, etc. A member asked, what if faculty were allowed a year to risk reaching out without it being held against them? What kind of incentives could chairs provide to enable faculty to participate in a collaborative institute? Even if participation could be encouraged, there will naturally be consequences. It could be less risky for faculty who have tenure, than for newer faculty. Departments have to evolve to encourage and support collaboration. New associate professors could be a fertile pool for awards that would cover a full year sabbatical to enable them to explore how to collaborate.
Dr. Okunseri offered to draft a pre-proposal for both an institute and a mid-career award and send it to Dr. Nielson and Dr. McMahon for collaboration. Members will have an opportunity to review the pre-proposal before it is submitted.

*Faculty Forum – Tuesday, March 24th, 2:00 – 3:30pm –*

Dr. McMahon noted that summaries of pre-proposals will be available before March 24th and could be used to determine research clusters for discussion at the Faculty Forum. COR officers will be fleshing out the forum topics at the next agenda planning meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.