COR MINUTES

To: COR Members
From: Jeanne Hossenlopp
Date: March 2, 2011
Re: Marquette University Committee on Research
Approved Minutes/ March 2, 2011 Meeting

Present: David Clark, Richard Friman, Arthur Hefti, Tom Jablonsky, Doug Lobner, Beth McDonough, Steve Melching, Keith Osterhage, Marianne Weiss, Joyce Wolburg, Pinfen Yang
Excused: David Papke, William Pink, Jeanne Hossenlopp
Also Present: Melody Baker (note taker)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Melching at 9:04 a.m. The agenda was approved.

Reports:
Report from the Vice Provost for Research – Dr. Hossenlopp provided announcements via document since she was not able to be at the meeting today.

Report from the Chair – no report

Report from the Director of ORSP – Mr. Osterhage reported that the numbers for awards in February are down, but he expects applications that are in the pipeline will bring amounts received back up, though they still may not achieve last year’s numbers.

Report from ORC – Ms. McDonough reported that a new routing form is available for protocol reviews of projects involving partner institutions (MCW, UWM, BCW, MSOE, Children’s, and Froedert) to help decrease the turnaround time.

Also, changes are being made to how senior design projects, particularly by engineering students, are handled along with the issue of designs being released to an end user.

The IRB is investigating electrical safety testing for human subject research and drafting a new policy. This will be discussed at the next IRB meeting.

A CTSI one day boot camp is available to discuss budgets, ethics, data checks, and more scheduled on Mar 11, Jun 10 Sept 16, Dec 2 for a fee of $75.

Lastly, some new forms have been uploaded to the ORC website.

Unfinished Business:
Discussion of statement on the role of research at Marquette

Dr. Hossenlopp provided several key topics for the COR to consider and discuss for use in the statement advocating the importance of research at Marquette.
Dr. Hefti shared that Dr. Hossenlopp recently gave an outstanding presentation at the dental school’s research day. He thought this presentation would make a good foundation for the document that the COR wants to prepare. A request was made for Dr. Hossenlopp to email the presentation to the COR for ideas.

Dr. Melching described feedback sessions that Fr. Fitzgibbons has held with faculty to determine academic challenges and difficulties with a goal of improving academic life to enhance faculty development. A final report has been produced and Dr. Melching will share that with the COR. Dr. Hossenlopp’s key topics will be sent via email to members to add their comments.

It was also pointed out that most student research is done at the graduate level and is substantial at MU, and this should be emphasized somewhere.

Another member commented that undergraduate research is largely supported by faculty members. Undergraduate participation in research could be increased with financial support from the institution.

**New Business:**

*Data reporting and rankings – how people respond to survey requests.*

Mr. Osterhage explained that definitions for the same questions vary from one survey to another, which can make a difference in response. To assist with faculty annual reports, software has been purchased to make reporting, as well as searching for data, easier.

**Informational Items:**

Dr. Hefti announced that the CTSI organized a workshop on metabolic syndrome in February, which was well attended by people from various participating institutions and industry. Another workshop will be organized for investigators in cancer research. One of the main purposes of these workshops is for people to get to know each other and each other’s research. Workshops include a keynote presentation as well as 20 – 30 short presentations of what people are researching, followed by roundtable discussions. Dr. Hefti asked members to encourage their colleagues to attend and to let him know if they have topics they would like to see addressed in future workshops.

Dr. Melchert announced that he will chair a subcommittee formed by the UBGS and UBUS to look at academic integrity. He described some recent issues with plagiarism that has made this an area of concern. The adoption of an honor code has been suggested and he asked the COR to let him know if they have suggestions. Dr. Yang suggested that the university implement a mandatory online training site to educate students about academic integrity (similar to the sexual harassment module that all employees are required to complete). Mr. Osterhage said an electronic module is already in place for the RCR program.

*Topics for April?*
1. More information on reporting and ranking, 2. Continued discussion on Exploration, Discovery, and Innovation (expected to take the majority of the meeting).

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.