COR MINUTES

To: COR Members
From: Jeanne Hoskenlopp
Date: 5/11/11
Re: Marquette University Committee on Research
    Approved Minutes/ May 11, 2011 Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Melching at 9:00 a.m. The April minutes and the agenda
for today were approved.

Reports:
Report from the Vice Provost for Research –
    Dr. Hossenlopp congratulated Dr. Weiss on the public recognition she recently received
for her research on R.N. overtime hours and the effect on hospital patients.
    At last week’s Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, Dr. Hossenlopp gave a presentation
about scholarship to the Subcommittee (of the BOT) on Academic Excellence and Enrollment.
Faculty also met with the subcommittee.
    Dr. Hossenlopp shared that, at the request of the trustees, the firm Simpson
Scarborough was hired to do an external perception study. Prospective undergrad students,
alumni, and community leaders were surveyed. The peer (higher ed peers, often involved in
rankings) survey will be an interesting item for the COR to look at next year. Dr. Hossenlopp
would like to have someone from Marketing attend the COR for a discussion on this topic.
    Lastly, interdisciplinary research forums were held this term and two steering
committees will be formed next. Dr. Hossenlopp is asking them to present their findings to the
COR as the information may be useful in deciding priorities.

Report from the Chair –
    Dr. Melching announced that his term on COR has expired and this is his last meeting.
The COR annual report was submitted to the Academic Senate last week and Dr. Wolburg said
that while there were a couple of questions from the Academic Senate, it was accepted. It was
suggested in future reports to include a breakdown of SFF/RRG applications and awards by
department and college.

Report from the Director of ORSP –
    Mr. Osterhage gave a report on year to date totals. Revenue is behind this time last
year, in part due to the money that was received from the state for the Discovery Learning
Complex and another capital project. He still expects to cross $25 million by June. Licensing revenue is slightly ahead.

Lastly, Mr. Osterhage announced that he is leaving Marquette, and thanked the committee. Dr. Hossenlopp thanked him for his contributions and impact.

Report from ORC –

Ms. McDonough reported that CTSI funds that allowed some temporary staffing in her department will be ending.

This year she has coordinated some meetings for animal research people involved in CTSI to discuss procedures and occupational health and safety requirements. The group will now be meeting regularly.

Both Ms. McDonough and Ms. Ahrndt from ORC attended the PRIMR meetings in Boston were encouraged that the department at MU is doing things correctly. An annual report for ORC will be submitted to Dr. Hossenlopp soon.

Ms. McDonough is hoping to be able to add another staff person and is currently looking for new Radiation Safety Technician. She is also looking into buying new training DVD’s to replace outdated ones. A request for a radiation safety audit is expected this summer.

Dr. Hossenlopp added that due to an accident at another university, conversations will be held about a policy to prohibit students from working in labs alone in the evenings. The COR was in general agreement that faculty should be included in the discussions and that lab situations can be very different from one discipline to another.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of Exploration, Discovery, and Innovation: Research and Scholarship at Marquette, draft 2 –

Dr. Hossenlopp asked the members for comments and additional ideas to complete the document and several members had suggestions which she will implement.

Members asked how the document will be addressed. Dr. Hossenlopp will send it to Fr. Pilarz, noting it was prepared in collaboration with the COR and invite him to attend a meeting.

Dr. Hossenlopp will send the revised document to the COR for discussion in the fall before sending it to Fr. Pilarz. Meanwhile, the members will email any additional comments to Dr. Hossenlopp.

New Business:

Election of new officers –

Dr. Melching asked for someone to be willing to serve as chair next year and Dr. Lobner volunteered. No other members came forward to fill the positions of vice chair and secretary so this will be determined at the September meeting. Dr. Jablonsky is willing to serve again if necessary, but he will be on sabbatical in the spring.

Priority topics for next year –

Members suggested:

- Startup packages – the diversity of packages available or not available across campus
- RRG & SFF – how to prioritize them (people who have multiple grants, junior/senior faculty), and how to get more applications? Dr. Hossenlopp suggested having a campus discussion with people who have had SFF/RRG. This could be an ORSP organized event. Dr. Jablonsky added that the mentoring discussions about SFF/RRG’s held on behalf of
the University Faculty Mentoring Program have resulted in an increase in humanities applicants.

- Travel support – needs to be better defined, better clarity. Also, look at the policy for FDA’s (subventions). Travel support is inequitable across campus. Is it possible to create a travel award granted by the COR?
- Financial support for undergraduate research (inquiry based learning)
- Research needs for graduate students. Get data for proposals submitted by graduate students and how successful they have been. Grad students need mentoring on proposal development. ORSP can offer help for students and their mentors. Students should be routinely writing NSF fellowships.
- Create a data base of funding opportunities for graduate students across campus. It was pointed out that in the College of Nursing the PI issue for grad students causes some to take their funding to their workplace.

Dr. Hosenlopp thanked the COR for their help in this first year. The meeting adjourned at 10:22am.