

ACADEMIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Present: Mattingly, Driscoll, Litowitz, Antenucci, Genaway, Kasvinski, Pallante.

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- I. Our discussions focused on two major areas of concern.
 - A. Allotment of re-assigned time and its relationship to the grants process.
 - B. Establishment of Research Centers, or Centers for Excellence, on campus.
- II. Discussion on re-assigned time.
 - A. Who makes decisions concerning re-assignments.
 1. Dependent on source of funding and how those monies can be used.
 2. Questions about role of deans and department chairs.
 - B. Nature of process for application.
 1. Pre-application procedures.
 2. Role of Eric Lewandowski and Office of Sponsored Programs.
 3. Meeting of all involved parties during application process.
 4. Use of Dean's re-assigned time.
 - C. Need to accommodate needs of individual colleges.
- III. Discussion of development of Research Centers on campus seeded by University Research Funds.
 - A. Need and Purpose.
 1. To develop expertise in specific fields on campus and to provide resources for those in the larger community.
 2. Currently a void in this area on campus.
 3. To foster research and encourage program development.
 - B. Source of funding (seed monies) is University Research Committee.
 1. Two pools of money exist.
 - a. University Research fund.
 - b. Research Assistant fund.
 2. Propose to use 1/2 to 1/3 of funds for larger block grants.
 - C. Delegation of funds.
 1. Earned in "on-campus" competition.
 2. 3 to 5 year allotments to provide critical mass for start up.
 3. Feasibility based on center's potential to become self-funding.
 - D. Set Up.
 1. Can be departmental or transdisciplinary.
 2. Pre-proposal 3-5 pages.
 3. Final review by external committee.
 4. Chairs to handle administration rather than "productive" faculty member.
 5. Training for chairs in administration to be available.
 6. Acronym suggested P(residential) A(cademic) C(enter) for E(xcellence) and R(earch).
 - E. Fits with Y.S.U.'s current agenda.
 1. Has commitment of university administration.
 2. Compatible with state's agenda to foster economic development and technology.
- IV. Plans for future action of Academic Research Committee.
 - A. Invite Beth Kushner and Eric Lewandowski to come to next meeting to discuss grants procedure and re-assigned time.
 - b. Schedule meeting with URC to discuss PACER.