

Minutes

Research and Scholarship subcommittee of shared campus governance

March 9, 2015, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Room 420 Darland

Approved March 30, 2015

Present: Jill Doerfler (CLA), Jon L. Pierce (LSBE), Shixing Wen (Library), Matt Andrews (Chair; SCSE), David Beard (CLA; Grad Council), Aydin Durgunoglu (Vice Chair; CEHSP), Paul Kiprof (Interim Director of Research Administration), Adam Booker (SFA), Valerie Brady (MN SeaGrant), Euan Reavie (NRRI)

Excused: Nigel Watrus (LLO), Julie Ernst (CEHSP; Grad Council)

Guest: EVCAA Andrea Schokker

1. Discussion of Minutes from February 16 meeting

Motion to approve was made by David, seconded by Euan, and passed by unanimous vote.

2. Ideas for use of “EVCAA-campus maintenance” ICR funds

Recommendation will focus on a proposed process of peer review for allocation of unused EVCAA maintenance funds, based on number of tenured and tenure-track faculty, not on percentage of ICR generated. Recommendation will focus on strengthening UMD as a whole. Recommendation does not include Chancellor’s Small Grants, which are administered by College Deans.

A discussion of how funds would be apportioned for NRRI, where there are no tenured or tenure-track faculty positions, included a question about whether to include Research Associates as well as Senior Research Associates Question. Euan will provide a breakdown of SRAs and RAs at NRRI to committee members.

3. UMD internationalization and international research – Paul Kiprof

Paul distributed a handout listing the Global Engagement goals developed by the Internationalization Advisory Committee. These are aligned with the campus Strategic Plan goals, and asked for committee comment on Goals 4, 5, 6. Discussion of Global Engagement initiatives included:

Goal 4.3 – working with International Programs and Services to keep costs down for international exchanges. Could invite Denny Falk or Kim Riordan to explain function/services and costs associated with working through IPS. IPS is not funded centrally, so has to generate its own revenue.

Goal 5.3 – Jill mentioned that UMD’s Tribal Sovereignty Institute would be a good resource for this goal.

Goal 5 – Posters about research activity made for the general public, like those in Chem bldg. hallway, could be extended campus-wide.

Paul also announced that Frances Lawrenz, Associate VP for Research, and Carissa Slotterback, Director of Research Engagement, will be on campus after spring break to get a feel for what UMD is all about, and could meet with R&S committee. It was suggested that expanding the use of MNDrive funds to other disciplines could be a topic of discussion with them.

4. EVCAA Andrea Schokker

The EVCAA approved the following aspects of the recommendation for the allocation of remaining “EVCAA campus maintenance” ICR funds:

- Maintaining control of the funds centrally.
- Peer review of proposals for funding. Members of R&S committee will chair review committees in their respective colleges. In the case of interdisciplinary projects, committees from each college could meet and evaluate proposals jointly.
- 70/30 split of funds between research and scholarship release time, to include sabbatical supplements, and support for faculty development.

Further discussion included:

- clarification that this would be a permanent arrangement, as funds would be available each year, in varying amounts.
- EVCAA's concerns about whether this arrangement would allow the allocation of matching funds for large grants, or large equipment purchases. Committee agreed that the recommendation could be revised as questions and needs come up.
- Timeline for implementation: consensus was that a small round of proposal review and allocation could be done in October 2015, followed by a full round in February 2016.

EVCAA will take the recommendation to the Council of Deans on March 31 for feedback, and requested that Matt send a formal copy of the recommendation to her before then.

Other topics of discussion with the EVCAA included:

- Single-semester leaves. Award of leaves is controlled by UMD, but UMTC dictates the number of leaves available. The EVCAA suggests talking to college deans to ask what number of leaves makes sense for each college.
- Bridge funding for revenue-generating initiatives (e.g., marketing to out-of-state students) was approved by UMTC. Awardees will need to show results, or will have to return some of the money.
- Cost-sharing for AHC. Still under discussion between UMTC and UMD upper administration.
- American Indian Synergy Project (Cina upgrade) – will happen as part of Cina/Tweed HEAPR renovation.
- Development of downtown space – Continuing Ed will move downtown.

The Committee expressed its thanks to EVCAA Schokker for this opportunity to consider ideas for the use of these campus maintenance funds, and for attending today's meeting.

5. Other business

Thesis digitization project. Shixing reported on a Library initiative to digitize all student theses & make them open access through the Digital Commons. Currently, not all graduate programs require that theses be submitted to the UMD Library. Theses for Graduate School programs housed at UMD must be submitted electronically to the University Digital Conservancy, but are not tagged as UMD works. If they are also submitted to UMD's Digital Commons, they can be identified as being from UMD, and Google will index them. The Library will submit a recommendation to the Graduate Council that all theses be submitted to the Digital Commons. R&S committee members agreed to sign a letter of support to accompany the recommendation.

5. Next scheduled meeting – March 30

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm with a motion by Aydin, seconded by Jill, and all being in favor.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kim Habig, Graduate Office.