

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2011**  
**2:00-3:00 p.m.-SUB 168**

McCoy, Tom – X	Johnson, Cheryl – by phone	Shaw, Joe – X
Black, Laura – X	Kuntz, Sandy - unavailable	Whitlock, Cathy – X
Cloninger, Mary – X	Gee, Regina – X	
Douglas, Trevor-traveling	Jutila, Mark – X	Potvin, Martha – X
Erickson, Joanne – unavailable	<del>Marley, Robert</del> /Anne Camper – X	Yarnell, Allen – X
Hays, Rick - unavailable	Pascual, David - X	Fox, Carl - X

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Visitors: Brian Rossmann, Tracy Ellig

- I. Call to Order
  - Meeting was called to order by Dr. McCoy at 2:02 p.m.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2010 meeting
  - Unanimous approval of minutes, as written.
  
- III. Information/Announcements
  - Spring Schedule dates provided
  - March 17 Research Council is cancelled due to Spring Break
  - New location will be identified for upcoming RC meetings
  
- IV. Topics for Discussion
  - Enhancing Graduate Education
    - Finalize Recommendations for Deans' Council meeting on January 31, 2011
      - a) *Criteria for Awarding Resident Tuition Rate to Non-resident GTAs and GRAs* (handout) was formally approved as Research Council's Recommendations for consideration by Deans' Council which will be presented at the next Deans' Council meeting by Tom McCoy and Carl Fox
    - Discussion of Potential Approaches for Incentivizing Departments
      - i. On-going infusion of monies:
        - a) Research Council to send a strong recommendation to Deans' Council that a sum of monies from the increased tuition revenues be identified for graduate programs and graduate students.
        - b) Reward departments with monies using markers: graduation success rates and number of graduate students

- c) Establish fellowships for initial/first year funding GRA/GTA
  - d) Strengthen support and increase GRA/GTA stipends
  - e) Provide institutional “match” monies for grant proposals that include GRA/GTA stipends – would incentivize faculty to write more grants
  - f) Set aside F&A monies from grants/contracts into a “department graduate enhancement fund”
- ii. One-time infusion of monies:
- a) Central on-line applications
  - b) Enhance recruitment material to be interactive, on-line
- o Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research – Initial Discussion
- a) Members may want to review the National Academies Press Document, *Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research*  
Carry-over discussion to next Research Council meeting

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in SUB-168-214  
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