

Research Council Minutes
Thursday, February 10, 2011
2:00-3:00 p.m.-
214 Hamilton Hall

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

- I. Call to Order – Dr. McCoy opened meeting at 2:04 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2011 meeting – approved.
- III. Information/Announcements
 - Cooley Symposium February 23, 2011 (6 – 9 p.m. @ MOR) – flyer handout
- IV. Topics for Discussion
 - o Finalize Discussion of Recommendations for Enhancing Graduate Education
 - a. Stipend Support Matching Fund – Possible Pilot Program in FY12
 - b. Reward Mechanisms for Departments that Successfully Grow Graduate Programs (e.g. additional faculty line, greater recruitment support, etc.)
 - c. Penalize Department for Lack of Commitment to Graduate Education
 - d. Require Some Level of Graduate Student Support in All Proposals
 - e. One-time Only Infrastructure Enhancements – Request Funding

DISCUSSION:

Additional funding considerations:

1. Monies needed to fund travel opportunities for graduate students to present at conferences, especially those graduate students where their disciplines' terminal degree is Master level
2. President Cruzado wants RC to make recommendation for a minimum stipend salary for GTAs/GRAs
3. President Cruzado wants recommendations to ensure consistent treatment of GTAs/GRAs: salary, medical coverage, work expectations, etc.

GRAs/GTAs requirements/criteria: 6 credits per semester + 20 hours work per week

1. Less than 6 credits per semester will trigger tax consequence and possibly student status, if foreign student
2. Difference in cost between dropping credits, incurring taxes vs. paying non-resident tuition?
3. GRAs with externally funded fellowships: don't penalize or exclude

Incentivizing Departments re: graduate education – **possible ideas:**

1. Best: recommend institutional “buy-in” by having Provost contribute money to departmental “Stipend Enhancement” pool of monies, ie to be used to cover 1st year or 4th year shortfalls, as 25% match for every dollar written into a grant for Masters or PhD student support
 2. F&A monies contributed to departmental “Stipend Enhancement” pool of monies, as 25% match for every dollar written into a grant for Masters or PhD student support
 - a. Except, all departments would receive monies, regardless of contribution to general F&A pool
 3. Extra Tuition dollars, use for some one-time enhancements
- Enhancing Interdisciplinary Research – Initial Discussion: tabled for next meeting
 - Agenda items for upcoming meetings:
 - a. BEST Award, Short-Term Development Award, and Postdoctoral Excellence Competition Award
 - b. 4% administrative fee on F&A accounts

Meeting adjourned @ 3:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall