

**Research Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2011**  
**2:00-3:00 p.m.-**  
**214 Hamilton Hall**

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

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- I. Call to Order – meeting opened @ 2:00 p.m.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2011 meeting
  - February 10, 2011 minutes were approved by majority through email voting
  - March 3, 2011 minutes will be reviewed/revise by members and approved next meeting
  
- III. Information/Announcements
  - Dr. Irving Weissman to speak on stem cell research as part of the Kopriva Science Seminar Series on Friday, March 25, 2011 in the Procrastinator Theater starting at 4:00 p.m.
  - Summer RC meeting schedule: all members agreed to a once a month meeting for June, July and August. A summer schedule will be circulated soon.
  
- IV. Topics for Discussion
  - Internal Faculty Development awards
    - a. BEST (Buy-Out for Enhancing Scholarship and Teaching)
    - b. Short-term Professional Development Leave Program
      - Faculty and Adjunct faculty feedback presented from College of Engineering, College of Arts and Architecture, College of Business, College of Education, Health and Human Development
      - Suggestion to add publication costs as allowable expenses
      - Suggestion to post list of the awardees along their abstracts
      - Suggestion to combine the two programs
      - Dr. McCoy will draft first attempt at a combining the two programs into one new program and will send to members for review/comment early the week of March 28

- Programs subsequently combined into the Faculty Development Awards Program (FDA). Call for Proposals was released on April 1, 2011.
- Research Council Membership
  - Since this was the first year for all councils, members are still working through the new processes, etc. The RC members unanimously voted to recommend to the President that the membership remain as is, with the members undertaking a more indepth review next Fall on the membership process.
- Enhancing Graduate Education
  - Dr. McCoy presented a handout for discussion
    - Cultural change needed from top administrators, to colleges, to departments
    - Need critical data on when/why graduate students do not complete
    - Critical lack of funding for graduate student stipends
    - Competitive-funded faculty having difficulties committing 4-5 years support to graduate students
    - More discussion needed and review of handouts prior to next meeting
  - Dr. Fox presented a handout for discussion that was gleaned from the following publications which are all from The Council of Graduate Schools:
    - Analysis of Baseline Program Data from the Ph.D. Completion Project. 2008.
    - Analysis of Baseline Demographic Data from the Ph.D. Completion Project. 2008.
    - Finds from Exit Surveys of Ph.D. Completers. 2009.
    - Policies and Practices to Promote Student Success. 2010.
    - The Graduate School has a copy of each in their office. They can also order any of them from the Council of Graduate Schools ([www.cgsnet.org](http://www.cgsnet.org)).
- Enhancing Interdisciplinary Research – tabled until next meeting

V. Adjourn – meeting adjourned @ 3:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2011, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 214 Hamilton Hall**