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MEETING MINUTES

Oregon Health & Science University, CDRC, Room 1125
Thursday, April 3, 2008, 10:00 am – 12 noon

1) Call to Order

Chair Rich Linton called the meeting was called to order at 10:10 am. The following members were present:

Kirby Dyess, John Cassady, Dan Dorsa, Bill Feyerherm (11 am), Gary Tallman, Ray Werner (telephone)

Absent: Wayne Embree, Fred Ziari

Staff: Maggie Bice

Other: George Pernsteiner, OUS; Dana Bostrom, PSU; Gary Colletta; Don Gerhart, UO (telephone); Arundee Pradhan, OHSU; Bruce Schafer, OUS; Charles Triplett, OUS; Courtney Warner, Oregon InC (telephone)

2) Discussion

a. Oregon Metals Initiative Update

Bruce Schafer provided a short update on OMI. He wanted Council members to be aware of OMI's long-standing and successful research matching fund and update them on recent enhancements, including additional funds that have become available via Oregon InC.

- Fund has grown to \$925,000 allocated to program per year (at this time), which is matched with industry contributions. It is a challenge to find Oregon companies willing to provide matching dollars.
- Mainly dealing with OSU, PSU, and OGI; would like to find a way to do more with UO and the regional universities. Not open to private institutions although an institution can choose to work with a private institution colleague.
- Need advice for additional connections to industry.
- Schafer indicated that there is a tiered approach, with tier 1 driven by metals technology.
- Need to get word out to campuses that proposals are due in July.

- Pernsteiner mentioned that this was an opportunity for state money to match industry money and that the latest Employment Department report indicated that only metals is growing.

Action: Arundee Pradham and Bruce Schafer to follow up.

b. Council Leadership and Membership

With Dave Woodall's position change from Provost at OIT to interim President and interim provost Gary Naseth attendance required at Provosts' Council, Chair Linton asked Council members who should represent the regional universities on the Council.

- Consensus among members is that it didn't have to be a provost.
- Process of having someone other than a provost may have to be formalized.

Action: Chair Linton to speak to Dave Woodall who can ask provosts to nominate someone to the Council.

Chair Linton indicated that his two-year term as chair is about to expire and that the Council is charged with electing the next chair. Research Council charge says there will be a rotating chair among the Vice Presidents for Research.

Action: Nominations will be brought to May Council meeting.

c. Draft Policy Option Package

Chair Linton began the discussion on the draft policy option package by indicating that it represents a first effort and asking for comments on the draft. It will be put into a more condensed version for the Board

- Dyess felt that the third paragraph in Introduction needed to have some Oregon numbers put in.
- Sustainability is critically important Pradhan mentioned that this could be broadened to include OHSU center.
- On infrastructure, matching equipment grants will help meet some federal requirements. Pradhan will add a paragraph on synergies with OTRADI.
- Cassady would like the mass spectrometry section to focus on high end instruments – 7 figures and above. Modification needed on that budget section and Cassady will work to reword.
- There needs to be work done on Information Technology-Shared Computational Resources for Research section and Dorsa will help flesh this out.
- Regarding the Electronic Research Administration, Cassady believes this to be a critical section and will help expand. It is too early to describe partnerships and/or opportunities but can include aspirations.

- Tallman spoke regarding the Undergraduate Research Awards, stating that the awards could go to any public or private 4-year college (except religious-affiliated institutions); 19 awards available although probably won't use all 19.
- Dyess would like to tie everything together and prioritize things where we can get the most leverage and asked how industry would like to see the POP.
- Regarding performance metrics, Dyess suggested keeping one metric per section to assist with prioritization.
- Pernsteiner indicated all packages and summary of highlights to Board in May, more specific packages in June, final packages approved in July. Suggests other research POPs vet through the Research Council to see if they can be included in RC POP so have one single research package.
- Dyess would like to see a diagram that connects all the pieces and have it relate to the innovation cycle.

Actions on POP:

- Dorsa to check with Antonio Baptist to reinforce interinstitutional connections.
- Pradhan to provide a paragraph on OTRADI
- Cassady to work on budget section of mass spectrometry.
- Schafer to provide feedback on supporting research and workforce development for ETIC section.
- Tallman to refine language on Undergraduate Awards.
- Next draft of POP ready for May Council meeting.

d. Technology Transfer Working Group Recommendations

Don Gerhart spoke about the White Paper developed by the Technology Transfer Working Group.

- White paper addresses appropriate use of legal review and the challenge is to express why streamlining is appropriate.
- Hoping to get greater exemptions from legislative restrictions and to achieve this in 2008.
- Pernsteiner mentioned that it would be a good idea to shop this idea to attorney general candidates.
- Pradhan suggested having the White Paper endorsed by industry groups because it then becomes more than a System paper.
- Gerhart mentioned that the White Paper would go to Pernsteiner soon.

e. Research Framework for IA-HERO September Meeting

Chair Linton indicated the need for a couple of Council members to draft a research section for the September meeting of the Irish-American Higher Education Research Organisation taking place in Portland.

- Cassady and Pradhan will help with draft

f. Performance Measurement Working Group

Triplett asked for suggestions of people who would like to be members of the Performance Measurement Working Group.

- Bostrum, Dorsa, Gerhart, Pat Hawk (OSU), Lynette Arias (OHSU) were suggested.

g. OUS Leadership Meeting on Sustainability

Chair Linton mentioned the OUS Leadership Meeting on Sustainability taking place later that afternoon at OHSU and encouraged all who could to attend.

3) Adjournment

The Research Council meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 10:00 am – 12 noon. Location TBA