<u>MINUTES</u>

Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, October 10th 2016 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Bascom Rm 99
Minutes: Peter Johnson

Move to Convene at 1:30 by chair Marsha Mailick, Nicci Schmidt second

Present Tim Bendfelt, Nicci Schmidt, Wayne Feltz, Julie Schears, Julie Karpelenia, Herman Stampfli, Tom Zinnen

Absent Moira Harrington, Nagesh Adluru, Judy Bauman, Katie Olson

Guests Isabelle Girard

Review and approve September retreat minutes: Minutes will be reviewed and approved by email due to lack of quorum. (APPROVED October 31, 2016)

Business

<u>Updates from VCRGE Marsha Mailick</u>
    Faculty Senate voted to move RSP oversight back to OVCRGE from Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrations. The handoff will take approximately one year, and will not require RSP to physically move their location. RSP employs academic staff and the CASI may want to include them in the future (possibly as their own district). **We will discuss this further at the November meeting**.

    University Communications Marketing Group is making a new website for OVCRGE. It is not currently know when it will be completed. Marsha would like to bring it to the CASI to provide input.

    Three center reviews this academic year: Waisman, Biotron, and Biotech. WID and Aquatic Science Center reviews were completed last year, and their reports were accepted by review committee. Suggestions on members for upcoming review committees should be sent to Norman Drinkwater.

    Question from T. Zinnen: Status of overhead funds with respect to multiple schools interacting with VCRGE centers? A: Indirect costs go through Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrations, ~20% Core funds go to centers

    UW administration is considering placing the Wisconsin Energy Institute, a UW core currently unaffiliated with OVCRGE, under the OVCRGE umbrella.

    Searching for permanent (non-interim) directors for the Arboretum and WID. Good candidate pools, in-person interviews will start shortly.

    WARF has new director, Eric Iverson, who started in June.

    New Director of Research Campus Cores, Isabelle Girard, was hired. She will centralize core development. Needs to improve funding (and unintentional funding competition) to cores.

Question from T. Zinnen: NSF rankings update? A: We don't currently know, but we will be down in the rankings (possible reasons: head count, less money from state going to UW)

Marsha left at 2pm

Presentation from Office of Campus Research Cores Director Isabelle Girard

Started July 1, still learning about cores, what their issues are, how many there are (probably between 200-300, possibly as high as 1,000; 17 or 18 might be under OVCRGE), what their services are, equipment inventory. Met with most OVCRGE cores, having trouble scheduling a meeting with SSEC.

Formulating 3-year strategic plan. First challenge is defining what is a CORE? (possible definition: any shared, unique resource that serves a significant usership). Cores provide for-fee services or shared equipment to campus. Purpose:
- Reduce redundant equipment investment/purchases.
- Bring down barriers to allow sharing (insurance, training, etc.)
- Be a nucleating agent for collaboration
- Provide accounting help and leverage pricing from vendors, service contracts
- Increase visibility of offerings though a searchable database to find equipment/services on campus

Question from H. Stampfli: Will centralization include dictating the price of a service? Force cores to share equipment? A: Fee structure is done by each core, will not be centralized. Core will determine usership, priority level, how much equipment will be used by outside entities. Cores don't have to participate.

Question from N. Schmidt: Timeline for strategic plan? Will UW hospital participate? A:
- Year 1 – Develop definitions, gather information to create databases (indexed and searchable), tools
- Year 2 – Implement tools, refining tools
- Year 3 – Incentivize participation

Hospital participation is unclear. School of Medicine and SMPH will participate.

Question from T. Zinnen: What will front face of database look like? A: It will be a web portal divided by service type (e.g. DNA sequencing).

Question from J. Schears: QA or survey going to be utilized to measure success? What if special training or permission is needed to use equipment? A: Yes, those metrics are valuable, vendors will be queried. Campus Research Services wants to know about all special training, etc. and share with potential users upfront

Question from T. Zinnen: Research fair/ open house planned between the cores? A: not currently under consideration. Smaller, non campus-wide groupings are going to be formed, encouraged.

Debrief September retreat by Nicci Schmidt

N. Schmidt: September retreat notes need to be accepted, but there was no quorum at today's meeting; will be approved over email.

Need to develop or rewrite goals generated at retreat? Smart goals?

Goal 1: Prepare a historical document of CASI accomplishments; will consult with Moira Harrington on progress.

Not directly related to a goal, but presenting a certificate of thanks for past CASI members is underway.

Goal 3: Campus climate initiatives goal needs to be given to a subcommittee; Professional Development will take this up.

No general reports

No committee reports

Move to adjourn at 3:01 by Julie Shears, Peter Johnson second (8 yeas, 0 nay)

Next Meeting is November 14, 2016 Bascom Rm 99

Future Minutes will be Moira Harrington