

ROC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 29th, 2018
1:00-2:30pm, HEDCO 230T

Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM

Meeting attendees: Julie Alonzo, Ben Clarke, Curtis Fuhriman, Leslie Martinez, Heather McClure, Laura McCoid, Kent McIntosh, Judy Newman, Jane Squires, Emily Tanner-Smith, Leslie Stephenson, Beth Stormshak, Jeff Todahl, Annette Tognazzini, Deanne Unruh

I. Introductions / Roll Call

II. COE Sponsored Projects Procurement Update FY14 – FY18

Emily Tanner-Smith began by presenting a slide displaying COE sponsored projects income for FY 2018 (\$49.98 million) in relation to the University as a whole (\$121.9 million).

III. ROC Executive Leadership Group (ELG)

The ROC Executive Leadership Group (ELG) is envisioned as a more agile, strategic 'sub-body' of the ROC to help with advocacy and decision-making to advance the priorities of the ROC. Emily has 0.25 FTE for her work as Associate Dean for Research. Julie Alonzo, Kent McIntosh, Chris Murray, Judy Newman, Leslie Stephenson, Deanne Unruh have been elected to the ELG. Kick-off meeting will be September 12. The purpose of the meeting will be for the ELG to brainstorm priorities and issues that the group wants to tackle for the next year.

Priorities / Issues that the ROC wants the ELG to Consider

- Advocacy on behalf of the ROC – to bring items to the Provost, President, etc.
- Indirect Rates – in particular, how they affect outreach units; different indirect rate returns for different units.
- OPE issue – Deanne Unruh was part of a task force working on this. She reports that the task force has been inactive for some time, waiting on Sponsored Projects to get back to them with data on actual costs for the different “buckets.”
- Foundation Grants – need for a transparent formula related to how much returns are provided to the GMU.
- NTF Research Faculty pay rate when teaching classes for COE.
- Research Faculty eligibility to serve on Dissertation Committees / service requirements/ expectations of the job.
- “Rainy Day/Development/Contingency Funds” – need for a COE policy or statement related to protecting these funds (some units may already have existing language on this issue in their internal governance policies).
- Strategic initiatives for “marketing” Research and Outreach Unit impact – better defining our value. This might include innovative public relations/publicity efforts.

Heather McClure described a mobile application, "Research Happens Here," developed by Josh Snodgrass, which might be useful to explore.

- Integration of Research and Outreach Units with academic Departments.
- Masters and Certificate programs, hybrid & online offerings and how Research and Outreach Units might be involved. Deanne Unruh mentioned discussions related to "micro-credentialing" at recent OSEP meeting.

IV. Save the Date for Fall Event: November 7th, 2018 (2 – 4pm), EMU Redwood Auditorium

Fall event – November 7, 2-4 pm. Purpose is to highlight the importance of Education Research and the work going on in the COE. The event will be held at the Erb Memorial Union, Redwood Auditorium.

The event will involve a panel of experts from across the country to discuss "the centrality of education research in the American Research university, highlighting the innovative research originating from our COE and discuss the critical role of higher education research in the 21st century."

Research and Outreach Units will be invited to attend and contribute media displays/tables to promote the work they are doing. We will also explore the possibility of ROC units offering tours of their facilities before/after the panel discussion.

Audience: COE faculty, staff, and graduate students; university central administration; donors.

More information to follow.

V. Any other business

How Best to Use ROC Meetings

Emily Tanner-Smith asked the group to think about how the ROC meetings can be structured to be most useful for people. She asked people to get back to her with suggestions (email is fine).

She also requested that people let her know if there are certain people/topical areas that would be useful to include in ROC meetings as guests.

How Best to Use ROC Listserv

Emily Tanner-Smith asked for input on how much info should be sent to the ROC listserv. Attendees stated that the material she has sent to date has been useful. What is not as useful is when the ROC list is used to simply forward material also sent to other COE listservs.

Emily Tanner-Smith also requests that ROC members remember to inform her of any new awards received so she can announce this information to the rest of the ROC and COE.

Fall Event

Heather McClure noted that in preparation for the fall event it would be useful to have some advance notice about the audience and panel members (particularly key priority areas/themes of interest to donors or other federal representatives).

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM