

Faculty Research advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
1/20/2016
Oxendine 2208

Members present: In Att: John Roe, Rita Hagevik [chair], Ryan Anderson [secretary]
Bishwa Koiarla; Rebecca Bullard-Dillard; Irina Falls

Members absent: John Labadie, Richard Vela

Recording Secretary:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hagevik at 3:08pm.

II. Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2015, approved via email prior to meeting

III. Approval of Agenda

Approved without additions or corrections

IV. Report from the Chair

Chair Hagevik reported that with Profs. Labadie and Vela out, the committee would carry discussion of their reports over to next meeting. Also, members should read through previous (11/17/15) meeting's minutes and analyze, focusing not on what services exist for undergraduates/teaching, but for faculty research. This should be done by reading for three categories: existing support across the various topics, needed support to foster faculty research, and proposed actions to narrow that gap. The result of this work, which will be discussed at next month's meeting, should be to produce a position statement of the committee that will lead to further action. The committee ultimate goal should be to assess, report, and lead to faculty survey on research.

V. Reports from Administrators

N/A

VI. Reports from Subcommittees [if applicable]

N/A

VII. Old Business

Committee addressed comments from their colleague, Dr. Jaime Litty, on previous meetings minutes. Committee agreed to amend minutes to change reference to “Dr. Jessica Hall” to “Jessica Hall.” Dr. Litty also indicates that Dr. Labadie’s report suggests professors leading study abroad programs “must use an outside tour company.” The committee decided to take no further action or make comments, considering the issue is related to teaching and therefore outside the purview of the committee.

VIII. New Business

Lively discussion of how to incentivize faculty research in UNCP’s teacher-scholar climate. Focus was on creating “carrots” that will encourage professors who have many responsibilities in teaching/research/service pursue research. One such example might be to work towards gaining faculty members a portion of indirect funding they accrue for the university, and to streamline its uses for their particular research. Also of prime importance is revisiting procedures for release time related to research/mentoring research and formulating a cohesive policy for campus that benefits faculty. A primary theme in the discussion was finding ways to make research/scholarship/entrepreneurial work/creative work more likely to be rewarded on campus.

Conversation about RISE, which is moving into a new funding cycle. Interest among faculty for continuing the program; recognition that it has benefitted students, research, and the university. Optimism abounds regarding its future.

X. Announcements

The next meeting will be held in Oxendine 2208 at 3pm February 16, 2016.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Dr. Ryan K. Anderson
Recording Secretary