

**RESEARCH COUNCIL  
YEAR-END SUMMARY  
MAY 23, 2011**

Membership of the Research Council for the 2010/11 Academic Year.

Sheetal Ranjan	College of Humanities and Social Science (Co-Chair) (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)
Kelli Asada	College of Arts and Communication (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)
Kevin Martus	College of Science and Health (Co-Chair) (4 <sup>th</sup> Year)
Stephen Betts	College of Business (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)
Sandra Alon	College of Education (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)
Jane Bambrick	Library (4 <sup>th</sup> Year)
Susan Sgro	Professional Staff (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)
Lorraine Phillips	Adjunct Representative (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)
Martin Williams	Co-Administrative Liaison
Lourdes Bastas	Co-Administrative Liaison

**Overview**

The Research Council met nine times during the academic year to discuss the charges and primarily for the organization and planning of University Research and Scholarship Day. The dates of the meetings were 9/20/2010, 10/18/2010, 12/06/2010, 1/31/2011, 2/14/2011, 3/7/2011, 3/21/2011, 4/18/2011, and 4/25/2011 and the minutes for the meetings were submitted to the Faculty Senate Office. Kevin Martus and Sheetal Ranjan agreed to co-chair the council at the first meeting on September 20, 2011.

**Summary of Activities**

***Research and Scholarship Day***

The planning and organization of the Research and Scholarship Day received the most attention by the council during the course of the academic year. The event held in the University Commons on April 7, 2011. The events held throughout the day included concurrent individual and group presentations, poster presentations, College of Science and Health's Center for Research Presentations, College of Humanities and Social Science's April Faculty Research Seminar, College of Education presentations, Cotsakos College of Business Presentations, Cross Culture Ares Festival: Africa, Technology Across the Curriculum session, Cheng Library's Authors Reception, and the Office of Sponsored Program's Recognition of Award Recipients. A well-rounded representative cross section of the University from each of the colleges and professional staff presented work during the event. It should be acknowledged that the artists of the 2011 University Research and Scholarship Day poster and program cover were Jessica Leuze and Stanley Wrobel from the Advanced Typography class of Tom Uhlein.

The total number of submitted abstracts (oral and poster presentations) for the event was 93. The tallies for the past eight programs are listed in the table below.

Table # 1 – Number of abstracts submitted for Research and Scholarship Day.

	2003	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Presentation	50	44	42	37	36	40	43	67
Poster	0	23	32	7	13	14	29	26
Total	50	67	74	44	49	54	72	93

The Council suggested that Research and Scholarship Day be held on April 5, 2012 and that one year advanced planning of the event should increase the number of participants. The Council formulated a

survey that will be given to presenters and these results should be perused at the beginning of the next year's council. The focus of this year's council was directed at the Executive Committee charge "*Continue to investigate ways to generate more faculty interest in the annual Research and Scholarship Day*" and this was done successfully in that this year the largest number of presentations were submitted and it is estimated that over 125 individuals ranging from faculty/staff to students presented their research and scholarship at University Research and Scholarship Day. In the upcoming year the council should work toward a larger audience base of both faculty and students. The council should continue to investigate generating or suggesting the purchase of a searchable database of faculty research interests. This topic was investigated over the previous summer by interested parties from the previous year's council along with the staff of the Office of Sponsored Programs and did not carry over well into the current council. The group checked out software database from COS (Community of Service) entitled "Proquest" and a package from InfoEd and their Expertise Management modules. Unfortunately, these software systems seemed to diverge from the initial desire to have a searchable database of faculty research interests, but were closer in line with the requirements of the Office of Sponsored Programs. Next year's council may wish to pursue this charge and see if an appropriate package can be either developed internally (IT) or through an external product.