

Research & Scholarship Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Raubinger 309, 12:30 PM
Minutes (Revised)

In attendance: Martin Williams, David Gilley, Annette Baron, Pam Theus, Lucia McMahon, Lisa Warner, Jorge Arevalo, and Lily Prince (via SKYPE)

Meeting called to order: 12:36 pm

Approval of previous minutes: Dave recommended revisions to the minutes regarding follow-up activities on the faculty survey. Pam motioned for minutes to be approved as amended; Lucia seconded. Minutes unanimously approved. Revisions made to previous minutes.

Digital Measures Demonstration: This demonstration, which is sponsored by the Provost's Office and this Council, is scheduled for Thursday, February 25th. Pam encouraged committee members to attend. Digital Measures is software that captures all kinds of faculty activity.

“Explorations”: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Expression at WPU: The OSP has prepared a flyer, newsletter, and website for poster sessions, all of which will be distributed today (Tuesday February 23).

Languages & Cultures has put together a poster session for Thursday, April 21, 2016, currently scheduled for the Atrium Lobby. Lucia will reach out to Judy Bernstein to see about the possibility of moving the poster session to University Commons.

Martin has been in touch with Michelle Hinkle about having the Technology Across the Curriculum Committee sponsor a session on Tuesday April 19th.

Martin met with representatives from the Marketing & Public Relations department. They will announce and promote Explorations 2016 in eFocus, the University's online newsletter. Information about the College-sponsored sessions should be sent to Martin as soon as possible for inclusion in promotional materials.

If you hear of other events on campus that we can add to Explorations 2016, please contact Martin.

The Research at WPU Conference is scheduled for Friday April 22. Since this is the first day of Passover, the conference will be a half-day format to facilitate as much participation/attendance as possible. The tentative conference schedule consists of a morning session, in which faculty will talk about their experiences doing research involving competitive sources of external funding. Then, there will be a keynote speaker, followed by breakout sessions, possibly including a report on the recent RSCE survey.

Art work update: Pam is waiting to hear back from Tom Uhlein on the art work for the Explorations program. This year, students may be involved in preparing the art work. The preliminary deadline is March 1st.

Open Access Reports: Pam received an update from Richard Kearney on the Open Access pilot funding program. To date, three applications were submitted, two of which were approved. The funding program committee may have to revisit the application guidelines, to consider the timing of when to apply for funding, as well as whether the full cost of article processing fees could be covered under the program. There may be a timing issue about submitting the application for funding only once the article is accepted. Interested individuals should be encouraged to submit requests, and asked to note their individual concerns about the timing/process.

Richard Kearney also recently presented on Open Access at both the CCOB and HSS college meetings. The committee expressed their appreciation of his dedicated and informed efforts to promote Open Access.

Initiatives from Faculty Survey: Dave is working on a draft for creating a research orientation program for new faculty for submission to the Provost. Dave suggests that we use survey data to create a series of action items (such as flexible ART) that could be submitted to individual colleges and departments to help draft specific recommendations/policy changes.

Independent Study: Dave will send the revised letter on independent studies directly to department chairs.

Future Meeting Dates: Future meeting dates are tentatively scheduled for March 22 and April 7th; the May meeting date will be determined by Doodle.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm. Lily moved to adjourn, Pam seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucia McMahon