

Faculty Senate Research Planning and Policy Committee

Charge:

"Reviews issues of long term and short term importance to the ISU research efforts. Serves as the advisory committee to the vice president for research and economic development (VPR/ED), and prepares reports and recommendations on items of importance to the faculty and/or the VPR/ED."

December 1, 2016 Agenda

Attending: Badenhope, Nusser, Fei, Johansen, Kimber, Ramaswami, Seeger, Thuo, Wohlsdorf-Arendt.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes from November. Motion by Johansen, Second by Kimber. Unanimous.
- 2. Contracting and OSPA: Forwarded by faculty.** Concerns were raised about the time for approval on industry contracts recently and about some approvals in the preproposal process. Nusser will follow up with staff to investigate the issues and propose resolutions/improvements in communication and/or processing.

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3. Updates regarding CEAH

Guest Michael Bailey, Interim Director CEAH. Bailey provided an overview of CEAH support, in comparison to other centers with similar missions in our peer 11 and the Big 12. He noted that ISU offers symposium support, faculty support for scholarship costs, or summer salary to facilitate scholarly projects. Bailey created a comparison with other institutions. (See attachment).

Nusser noted that some of the functions offered at other institutions were available at ISU, but only at the college level. Bailey's presentation demonstrated that supportive programming can be broader ranging in terms of focus, and be more responsive to the current context for scholarly work on campus and faculty needs. Nusser noted the committee would begin in January 2017.

Part of the discussion was also about interdisciplinary work, not as a requirement but as an opportunity being sought by faculty. Thuo mentioned his work, which is a very integrated materials engineering and human health project that requires design, materials science, and health knowledge. He suggested that CEAH might be in a position to support collaboration early career faculty across research and scholarship traditions to tackle complex projects like his. Ramaswami noted that funding might be available for such projects from foundation or industry sources, such as private companies that have corporate responsibility programs. Bailey noted that in some ways it would be helpful to know what is happening across campus- reveal the capacity, interests, diversity of work and make it visible. Seeger suggested that it might be helpful to support graduate students to complete scholarly projects and send them to conferences, since they also work with faculty to produce high quality scholarship. Such support, noted Badenhope, might allow us to recruit better qualified graduate students who are capable of supporting scholarship. Johansen noted that support for artistic endeavors such as performance, music, and the arts can be targeted to make these creative works highly visible. This could not only help the faculty but also the campus community by bringing people into campus, building awareness and recognition. Public programming not just campus programming. Kimber noted that a "one size fits all" approach might not be possible, allow flexibility in strategy.

- 4. Meeting Reminder:** January 19th, 4 PM. CEAH update, Budget, and Contract process.
- 5. Motion to Adjourn:** Fei, seconded, Seeger. Unanimous.