

## **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."*

### **November 27, 2017 Meeting Agenda**

#### **Attendees:**

Jeffrey Essner, Ranjan Maitra, C J Seeger, Tracy Turner, Emily Hayden for Susan Wohlsdorf-Arendt, Jeffrey Zimmerman, Julia Badenhope (Chair), Sarah Nusser, VPR (Ex Officio).

#### **Minutes:**

Call to Order

RPP Reviewed and approved the minutes from previous meetings. Essner moved, Maitra seconded. Unanimous.

Dr. Nusser: VPR plans and progress through FY 2018. VPR Nusser provided a brief overview of goals for the 17-18 Fiscal year. In particular, she emphasized strategies for investment in interdisciplinary research areas, while maintaining core strengths within the disciplines. The view of Nusser and other campus leaders is that this approach will strengthen the overall research enterprise, by facilitating innovation and providing access to research support to emergent research areas at the boundaries of disciplines. Mechanisms to do this include PIRI grants and the proposed CEAH supported interdisciplinary research initiatives. In addition, the grand challenges framework will provide topical focus to campus wide research, providing umbrella themes that link research efforts.

In FY 18, Colleges will begin refining and focusing research priorities and operationalize the grand challenges framework at the "local" level in our institution. In addition, VPR and other administrative units are examining other facets of interdisciplinary research, including issues around disciplinary traditions for promotion and tenure, skill development and support for team science, and the influence of Departmental culture in interdisciplinary work.

Badenhope: Committee foci for Spring 2018 is to tackle authorship guidelines and provide feedback on research priorities in the university budget. The group indicated that Mondays will work for meeting; Sherri Angstrom will finalize dates and times.

Meeting Adjourns at 1:00 PM.

Next Meeting: TBA- Sherri Angstrom will be contacting members