

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.”

October 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Jorgen Johansen, Michael Kimber, Susan-Wolsdorf Arendt, Fei Shuizhang, Julia Badenhope (Chair), Sarah Nusser, VPR (Ex Officio).

Absent: CJ Seeger, Martin Thuo, Sridhar Ramaswami

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from September will be revised to better capture the conversation regarding CEAH, particularly planning and funding new activities.

CEAH: The Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities. A study committee is being formulated by the Deans and members of the VPR office. The VPR office will be formulating a committee charge and identifying internal support to accomplish the planning process within the current fiscal year. RPP Chair Badenhope will follow up with interim director of CEAH, Michael Bailey. She will request his involvement at a future RPP meeting.

Faculty Engagement through RPP: VPR Nusser Possible RPPC projects

1) Improving information flow with faculty

We would like to better understand the most effective ways for the Office of the VPR to share opportunities and information with faculty. The types of communication vary widely. Some funding and award opportunity announcements are late-breaking, and others come out on a schedule. Some apply to a broad swath of faculty, and some do not. Are there better ways to communicate and share information with faculty. Perhaps we can convene some focus groups on this topic?

2) Building a culture for recognition in interdisciplinary research

The ISU and VPR strategic plans and many funding opportunities rely on interdisciplinary research teams. We receive concerns from faculty about whether their work will be fully recognized when they are members of a multi-disciplinary research initiative. Engaged scholarship activities that involve Extension and non-extension faculty and staff that benefit communities and yield scholarly products are not always visible and valued within as scholarship. It might be useful to convene faculty discussions on what is needed to recognize these kinds of collaborations and their scholarly products.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 PM.