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MEETING MINUTES

Smith Memorial Union, Portland State University
Thursday, September 4, 2008, 10:00 am – 12 noon

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair John Cassady called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. The following members were present: Dan Dorsa, Kirby Dyess, Wayne Embree, John Killoran, Rich Linton

Members Absent: Bill Feyerherm, Gary Tallman, Ray Werner, Fred Ziari

Staff present: Maggie Bice

Others: Doug Barofsky, OSU; Eric Gunderson, OMI; George Pernsteiner, OUS; Bruce Schafer, OUS; Lynette Schenkel, UO; Charles Triplett, OUS; Courtney Warner, Oregon InC; Dave Woodall, OIT

2) Discussion

a) Research Integrity Update

Lynette Schenkel, Assistant Vice President, Responsible Conduct of Research at the UO and a member of the Research Council Compliance Subgroup, updated Council members on research integrity issues. She reviewed areas of vulnerability, which include conflicts of interest and commitment; responsible conduct of research education; and post award grants management and noted that reviews are pending regarding data ownership, accessibility, and archiving; and electronic research administration.

Schenkel mentioned that the area of greatest vulnerability is in post award grants management and that this needs further discussion in Research Council. Some of the most serious issues are individual and institutional conflict of interest among institutions and responsible conduct of research. She indicated that most institutions do not have adequate institutional conflict of interest policies and that the AAU recommends that all institutions have a policy on institutional conflict of interest within 2 years of their publish date (February 2008). The Subgroup recommends a consortium approach.

She also noted that increasing costs will necessitate obtaining additional funds and that the Subgroup and the OUS Audit Division will work together to get more direction about OUS audit requirements.

b) Policy Option Package (POP) Update

Cassady led a discussion on the Research Council POP as approved by the OUS Board of Higher Education noting that everything had been reduced from the original request. Pernsteiner noted the steps involved in the process:

- Submit proposals to DAS.
- In doing so, had conversations with OECDD, Oregon InC, etc., mentioning that it is in everyone's mutual best interest to harmonize the proposals and show how they align. This ends up changing the proposals.

c) POP Graphic Update

The Oregon InC Commercialized Research Committee was asked to look at the POP graphic and to give feedback. David Kenney, Director of BEST, offered some edits to the graphic. There is a need to work together to develop a graphic/narrative that both groups can use in the legislative process. Messages need to be shared and aligned to show synergy and leverage.

Linton asked if a short narrative could be put together regarding the distinctness of the separate boxes. Dyess agreed, stating the need to get some examples on how things came together and then look forward to how we can bring it to market; get the details down so people "get it."

Embree noted that it can't look like there is "double dipping" because the legislature is concerned with that.

d) Oregon Proteomics Consortium Update

Barofsky gave a brief update on the Oregon Proteomics Consortium, noting that three institutions were represented on the Consortium (OSU, UO, and OHSU) and that other institutions should participate. He also indicated that it was important to align with OTRADI and PNNL and to share core facilities.

He stated that progress had been made since the first concept meeting in July 2007, including training on the UO and OSU Mass Spectrometer Systems, a May 2008 IMB seminar, and the September 2008 transfer of the UO FT ICR Mass Spectrometer System to OSU.

Next steps include continued lecturing on proteomics technology and methodology; initiating crosstraining and integration of graduate research assistants at institutions within the Consortium, setting up a network to track projects, analyze data, and share

results within the Consortium; initiate and develop collaborative proteomic projects within the Consortium; apply to funding agencies for research projects; and explore potential partnerships with biotechnological companies.

e) Research Metrics Update

Triplett updated the Council on research and development (R & D) expenditures at Oregon universities, noting that despite its average size (27th largest state), its research enterprise is competitive, ranking 22nd in R & D from all sources and 18th in R & D from federal sources.

Other highlights from the report:

- Oregon ranks 5th in the proportion of public research funded through federal sources although it ranks 47th in the proportion of total R & D funded through institutional funds
- On a per faculty basis, Oregon ranks 16th in total R & D per FTE faculty from federal sources
- Total research expenditures increased in 2007 although federally funded research expenditures dropped slightly for the first time
- Federal 2008 data shows that awards still up – UO up \$30M; OSU up \$25M

Council members indicated that the fact the numbers are up should be reported to the Board. Pernsteiner would like to see numbers ahead of time. He said the timeline is important (data is from 2006 and he needs to speak about more recent activity) and because we only get to use one number, we should be cautious about what is presented to the Board.

f) Venture Development Funds Update

The Council discussed the institution reports on venture development funds. The first report ends in fiscal 2008, with data ending June 2008. It was noted that additional money should be seen by the end of the calendar year. Total donations are less than \$1.5M – awards have been slow. Cassady noted that grants are going out now (after June 30).

It was noted that more current information and updates on the deploying of funds is needed and Pernsteiner strongly encouraged more recent activity be included with the submission to the legislature. Senator Morse has indicated that an interim report could be done and that there will be a hearing during the legislative session beginning in January.

3) Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm

Next meeting: October 2, 10 am to 12 noon; Room 236, Smith Center, PSU