

**COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Office of the Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs and Graduate Education

**GRADUATE RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 7, 2009**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Dale Cook, FLA; Pam Mitchell, HS; Eun-Jeong Ha, HS; Greg Smith, LDES; Kelly Cichy, LDES

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicholas Bellino, FLA; Tim Rasinski, TLC

GUESTS: None

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION TAKEN** |
| Earmarks | Nancy Barbour explained the recent history of the Research and Diversity department and that she will be filling the director role until someone else is found.  Nancy explained that she is also on the Research Advisory Council with John West, VP of Research, at RAGS. Dr. West would like to have a list of earmark program suggestions to him by next week for submission to legislators. Nancy requested that the members speak to their faculty and provide suggested ideas. Discussion regarding types of projects/programs that would be appropriate were discussed. Nancy explained that these ideas should be fairly robust, cutting edge and possibly cross departmental. The Dean will choose several to present to John West. These earmarks will then be present to legislators. She explained that the Center for the Study for the Prevention of Violence is one example of an earmark.  D.Cook explained that he has had 2 earmarks. He explained to the group that these need to be cutting edge – something to get the legislators’ attention. He suggested that the group look for an area in which KSU is doing something that no other university is doing. There was discussion on a possible interdisciplinary program concerning gerontology and environmental issues. D. Cook mentioned that it was his understanding that the lobbying is now being subcontracted.  P. Mitchell asked how much detail was needed. Nancy explained the Dean only needs a paragraph or so and an approximate dollar amount of funding required. At the end of month the University Research Council will meet and discuss how these ideas could be broadened across campus.  G. Smith stated that his environmental design idea could easily be broadened across the campus. P. Mitchell sited several areas of technology that might be touched by a program such as this.  D. Cook suggested another area might be experimental research. He suggested the use of 3D images (holograms) in the classroom to help students understand a concept more fully. He explained that there have been two research projects being done in this area. He stated that this would be particular appealing to K-12 and persons having difficulties with math and science areas. Learning in virtual environments, and the use of virtual teaching as it relates to autism were also discussed. P. Mitchell also suggested the use of holograms stating that this technology been used in business and medical fields, but has not been used in education field.  P. Mitchell asked about a timeline. Nancy stated that she needs to have the proposals by the beginning of next week. She requested that they go back to their individual programs and discuss possible submissions. Nancy explained the she is very interested in the environmental idea. She gave 6-8 different programs that could be involved in this concept that she had quickly thought of during the discussion.  Nancy related that she will need the ideas in a somewhat more concrete form so they can be reviewed by Dean Mahony and her. She stated that she could then do some sort of electronic poling to decide what to move forward. She explained that only 2-3 ideas will be presented to RAGS and the University Research Council. Nancy expressed that this was a good first step for the Research Council to begin doing what it was intended to do, especially after having been inactive for some years.  Nancy explained that she has always felt that colloquiums should be reinstated using issues that cut across various areas. One suggestion could be to have a speaker on how a new faculty member might develop a long term research plan. She shared an experience with an institution that had topical colloquiums. She gave examples of several different groups. She stated that this is just one idea to develop a venue for research discussion. Nancy explained that this type of effort would be supportive for the younger faculty with the loss of the senior faculty to retirement. Collaborative efforts could also be developed through an effort such as this. This would also be good experience for our grad students.  Nancy asked the group to think about the fact that a dissertation award has not been given out in the last 6-7 years. Discussion was held regarding the value of this award to the students. Nancy shared that she is working with the program coordinators with program evaluation.  Discussion was held on the importance of research and obtaining grants. It was suggested that developing an interest in research and its funding would be very helpful to the College. It was stated that grant writing support would be extremely helpful. Nancy suggested that perhaps this group could support the conceptualization time of grants. It was suggested that the group needs to try and create a culture that communicates that research is important and that it is supported and will be rewarded. One way to get to that point might be to encourage people to take part in unfunded research. It was suggested that university wide collaboration should also be encouraged.  Group needs to have access to the College report. | The group will take the information back to their individual schools and elicit ideas for submission. Their ideas will then be presented to Nancy by the beginning of the week of 10/12/09. |

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm

Next meeting:

Respectfully submitted

Luci Wymer, Recorder