

Agenda:

Electing a chair + volunteer to take minutes

- Chair = James Peyton Jones
- Assistant Chair = Jacob Elmer

Fleshing out the role and structure of the new RPC..

- Review RPC Proposal
- RPC is a committee of faculty congress – we would prefer it that way instead of being a University committee to preserve control and autonomy (from the University)
- Proposed membership of the committee:
- CLAS = 3 (higher diversity of research, so needs more representation)
- COE = 2
- NURSING = 2
- VSB = 2
- AT LARGE = 3 (allows other schools/departments/colleges to participate if relevant)
- GRAD STUDENTS = 1 or 2 (should these be non-voting members?)

Report on 11/6 meeting with Amanda Grannas and Moira McAndrews

- (conversation quickly progressed to white paper)

Research Support Institute Whitepaper – proposed by Amanda Grannas in response to earlier FC suggestions (**previously circulated**)

- Fears of just adding more administration for the sake of administration
- This new center must serve new purposes or functions that don't currently exist
- The institute can centralize some things (e.g., travel funding), but it also should not eliminate/replace department or college-specific programs that currently work well (e.g., travel)
- Is there an analogous type of center at another school (with an emerging research program)?
- Response is positive, but needs some caveats.
- Proposal: Try a 3 year pilot program for the center. Keep it if it works, otherwise eliminate it.
- Primary concerns: centralization, redundancy, irrelevance to some departments

New Research Policies affecting funded research – Amanda has just sent us five new policies for comment (**previously circulated**)

- Concern was expressed that there is no distinction in policies (current, proposed) between federal, foundation and industrially funded projects and this may impose unnecessary restrictions on industrially funded projects.
- Concern was also expressed at the blanket prohibition of voluntary cost share, especially given the tuition cost share paid by VU on many projects.

Closing notes:

- Set up a meeting again in 3 weeks, try to meet biweekly to review existing policies