**Committee on Research**

5 March 2024 Meeting Started - 2:00pm

**Attendance**: Grant Clayton; Melinda Hamilton; Kathy Prue-Owens; Tosin Oluwadare; Matt Jabaily; Shannon Johnson; Jessi Komrofske; Gwen Gennaro (Guest); Jessi Smith; Genia Olesnicky (Guest)

**Absent:** Mary Hurless; Emily Skop; Dmytro Bozhko;

**Minutes Taken by:** Lindsay Coppa

**Greetings and Welcome**

OSP/SPA Check-in & Updates – Gwendolyn Gennaro & Melinda Hamilton

* SPA has been offering trainings for SPAN, department chairs, department admins, PI’s, etc. on how to read reports and get support. We are working on a dashboard for PI’s to look at their reports and invoicing.
* OSP is currently working on a new online routing form through Cayuse. That will be going live soon and is currently in testing with some of you on this committee.
  + Feedback from Testers: Overall excitement for moving to an online form. It is user friendly and flows nicely. We are able to view where the form is at during the routing process and it saves your progress as you go. There are some buggy areas but they are being addressed now.
* OSP Feedback
  + Enjoy having the option for chatting during office hours that are offered by OSP and ORI.
  + The process timeline that is on the website for submitting proposals is very helpful
* SPA
  + Has done a wonderful job supporting us
  + Might be nice to have a card similar to OSP with contact information
* General Feedback
  + Think both offices are doing a great job and are supportive.

LAS Update/Research - Genia Olesnicky

* Wanted to touch base to talk about the R2 status and if there have been conversations about the recent Hanover report and the funding across the university. Want to make sure that with budget cuts and a change in leadership that our research is being considered a high priority.
  + Jessi Smith: So I can give a quick overview for that report. That is actually a report that I requested from Hanover to give an overview of what we look like compared to other institutions that become R2 around the same time (just before COVID) and to look at how they have handled the pandemic, how much funding they are bringing in, etc. This report is intended to just be informational and to give new leadership an bigger picture of what it means for us to be an R2.
* Feels like it is a good place for talking points. Would like to have broader conversations about research on campus and where we want to see it going in the future. Just wanting to make sure that we discuss formal conversations with cabinet to make sure that our research infrastructure is supported and to start having broader conversations on how we can support our faculty. With concerns about morale on campus, many faculty are not seen as scholars and showing that they are seen as scholars can maybe help with this issue. Just wanted to bring to the table for this committee think about it and how we can have formal conversations about what research looks like on campus.
  + Our strategic plan does cover how we want to increase research on campus and how we value research on campus. I think that it lines up very well with what is being said here. We are with you and wanting to consider this as well.
* Some possible things that can be done moving forward:
  + Create some research focused forums and listen to research needs and what research is being done on campus. Give an opportunity for cabinet to hear about the research happening on campus.

**Action Items and Updates**

[**Core Strategies Update**](https://uccsoffice365.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/ResearchFrameworkTeam/ETdWpVDk1iVGpdio1BN3kPMBU2phquI28_wV8hEC77DzOA?e=35YEaF)

Detailed Review of Strategic Planning

*All suggestions and comments are included in the document.*

* + Possibly listing things that we have such as workshops and events
  + More post-award support

[**Differentiated workload policy feedback**](about:blank)

* Thanks for the feedback. Next stop for the policy is EPUS.

**Moved to next meeting:**

COR Membership

**Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm**