



AGENDA

UNLV RESEARCH COUNCIL

Friday, September 28, 2012

SEB 2251

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

(Lunch will be provided)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bo Bernhard | <u>Ex-Officio:</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Greg Borchard | Tom Piechota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Michelle Chino | Stan Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ken Czerwinski | Tom Williams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Erin Hannon | Oliver Hemmers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tony Henthorne | David Paul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gwen Marchand | Lori Olafson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | John Mercer | Rob Nielsen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brendan O'Toole | Robin Toles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Todd Robinson | Gregory Brown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Martin Schiller | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mei Yang | |

1. **Introductions & Welcome from John Mercer & Tom Piechota**
2. **Insurance Coverage for Students Conducting Research**
3. **CoRE Initiative**
4. **Target Hires & October 5 Forum for New Faculty**
5. **Draft: Reporting Form for Faculty Opportunity Award Recipients**
6. **Research Council reps for Campus Committees:** Research Implementation Team (2), CoRE Subcommittee (1), Economic Development Subcommittee (1), Integrate 2 Committee (1)
7. **Information Item: Recharge Centers (Stan Smith)**
8. **Open Discussion**

Next Meeting: Friday, November 2, SEB 2251



MEETING NOTES

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Attendees:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Czerwinski	Tom Piechota
<input type="checkbox"/>	Erin Hannon	Stan Smith
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gwen Marchand	Oliver Hemmers
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Mercer, Chair	David Paul
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brendan O'Toole	Lori Olafson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Todd Robinson	Rob Nielsen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin Schiller	Robin Toles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mei Yang	Monica Lounsbery

Excused Absences: Bo Bernhard, Michelle Chino, Tony Henthorne, Tom Williams

Council Chair John Mercer convened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. in SEB 22351.

Insurance Coverage for Students Conducting Research

Lori Olafson, Executive Director of Research Integrity, presented information about the current status of insurance coverage for students who work in campus labs and provided a handout (attached) from the UNLV Risk Management Office that outlines which types of students are covered for insurance and under what circumstances. Because the majority of students are not currently covered, several options were discussed:

- Add a statement to admission letters
- Have students sign a waiver
- Have all students complete volunteer forms (unclear if current students can simultaneously be volunteers).

The Council's position is that UNLV should provide coverage regardless of a student's official status. The Council recommended that staff find out what other universities are doing in this area and to provide a report at the next meeting. The Office of the Vice Provost for Policy, Faculty, and Institutional Research agreed to help look into the issue.

CoRE Initiative

Vice President Tom Piechota reported on the CoRE Initiative that was cited as a campus priority by President Smatresk in his State of the University Address. It is to serve as a bridge between what UNLV is today and what we want to be in the future,

but is to be self-defined and owned by the campus community as a whole. The goals are collaborative, cross-disciplinary research and educational programs, whether it be creating new areas of growth or expanding existing programs. The Office of the VP for Research is working with the Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost to move forward with some structure for this initiative. Several campus forums will be held to get feedback from faculty about what they think CoRE should look like. Tom asked the Research Council to also be thinking of their ideas.

New Hires, Target Hires & October 5 Forum for New Faculty

As an information item, Tom Piechota provided the Council with a list of new faculty hires for 2012, along with a list of target-of-opportunity hires who joined UNLV this fall. He encouraged Council members to seek out these faculty and help them be ready to succeed.

Draft Reporting Form for Faculty Opportunity Award Recipients

The Council was asked to provide feedback on an electronic reporting form to be completed by recipients of the 2012 Faculty Opportunity Awards. Reports will be due biannually until project completion. The Council suggested making the report an online form that is tied to a database for assembling outcomes at a future date. Other, more specific changes to the form included:

- Adding the period of the award
- Adding the amount of the award
- Adding the project title
- Adding a question that asks for deliverables – grants submitted, publications submitted, etc.

A second draft will be sent to the Council via email for a final review before the first reports are requested from PIs.

Research Council reps for Campus Committees:

Research Council representatives were named to the following campus committees:

- UNLV Strategic Plan Research Implementation Team: Todd Robinson and Ken Czerwinski
- CoRE Subcommittee: Greg Borchand
- Economic Development Subcommittee: Brendan O'Toole
- Integrate 2 Committee: Michelle Chino was nominated in absentia and will be contacted about her willingness to serve on this committee
- IT Master Plan Steering Committee: Mei Yang

Information Item: Recharge Centers

Associate Vice President Stan Smith informed the Council about a future agenda item. Recently, problems have been identified concerning inflexibilities in how recharge centers can operate. Stan will have staff revisit the current policy on recharge centers and will bring a revised draft for the Council's consideration at a future meeting.

Open Discussion

John Mercer asked the Council members what they would like to see the Council address this academic year. Ideas included:

- Getting word out to external groups about research projects and facilities at UNLV
- Serving as judges in campus competitions
- Examining GA stipends in collaboration with the Graduate Council Executive Committee
- Suggesting resources faculty need to be successful and weaving those into the Faculty Mentoring Program

Next Meeting

The Research Council will meet on Friday, November 2, in SEB 2251. Agenda items will include, but not be limited to:

- Discussion of GA stipends with Kate Korgan of the Graduate College
- An overview of the Faculty Mentoring Program with Director Liam Frink
- A discussion of research clusters and analysis of faculty expertise areas
- A status update on insurance coverage for students
- A status update on revisions to the policy on recharge centers

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