

## Associate Deans for Research & Research Council

Friday, September 19, 2014  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES

1. General Announcements/Updates – Tom Piechota
  - a. UNLV Research Profile FY2014
  - b. Research@UNLV: An Update on Research Activities – Oct. 03
    - i. [Please submit college accomplishments by Friday, Sept. 26 for acknowledgement during Research@UNLV](#)
    - ii. This forum will include:
      1. Presentation on the Annual Report for Research
      2. Update on current and past Faculty Opportunity Awards
      3. Update on key research infrastructure issues
      4. Update on campus research initiatives
      5. Recognition of top researcher
    - iii. RSVP to [jill.zimbelman@unlv.edu](mailto:jill.zimbelman@unlv.edu) by Sept. 26
  - c. CoRE Update – Jennifer Keene/Bo Bernhard
    - i. CoRE Fellows have been working on infrastructure/longevity of this initiative
    - ii. On Sept. 02, CoRE held an event including breakout sessions and will continue to follow-up during the fall semester. The topics of these sessions included: complex system science methods, digital learning, gaming and hospitality, health care hospitality, translational research in public education, UNLV NSF ADVANCE grant application, sepsis, volunteerism, sustainability, big data, educational technology, and running, recreation, and rehabilitation.
2. Research Computing Network – Tom Piechota
  - a. Intel's "Cherry Creek" supercomputer brings world-class computing power to UNLV, currently installed fibers into SEB and TBE. Will also be connected to HRC and SCS.
  - b. The Division of Research and Economic Development will manage access on an individual need for bandwidth.
3. Blood Draws for Research Purposes – Lori Olafson/Susan O'Brien (general counsel)
  - a. If any department chooses to draw blood as part of their research, there is medical malpractice insurance available under the current insurance coverage provided by NSHE. The department would need to have the employee completed the application form that can be found at:

[http://rms.unlv.edu/insurance-and-claims/insurance/types/Form\\_4.pdf](http://rms.unlv.edu/insurance-and-claims/insurance/types/Form_4.pdf)

Once the form is completed, it needs to be returned to Michael Means (RMS) for processing.

- b. It is possible if a department has a single person that performs an ancillary type activity, then NSHE may not charge that department for a given fiscal year. With that being said, for FY15, there would be no charge for medical malpractice coverage for a Phlebotomist or current staff that may be asked to draw blood. There is a very good chance if the department has 1 ancillary position, then NSHE may not charge for FY16 & 17 as long as the department's program doesn't broaden.
  - c. There is medical malpractice coverage available for a Volunteer who performs blood drawn activities as long as the same procedure is followed to add the individual to the census and additionally, the Volunteer Agreement form is processed through Human Resources who oversees Volunteers.
4. Vivarium Update – Stan Smith
- a. Funding has been identified and the vivarium expansion is moving forward
  - b. The vivarium will be built out in two phases:
    - i. Phase 1 – build the entire shell and MEP infrastructure. The south half of the building is finished. The north half is a “warm shell” with MEP infrastructure in place and ready for build out only in Phase 2.
    - ii. Phase 2 – Complete build out of north half of building.
5. Spotlight on Research – David Paul/Jerilyn Hansen, consultant
- a. Utah State University established their Proposal Development Office in 2006 and it has been extremely successful. The number of proposals, total proposal dollar amounts, and awards received have all increased based on proposals that have received review/input from the proposal development team.
  - b. USU established a network of Proposal Development Specialists that provide proposal review/editing services and help researchers respond to solicitations. The Proposal Development Specialists reside in the colleges near the Dean or Associate Dean's offices so they are easily accessible to faculty, but they also report to the centralized Office of Proposal Development. In addition to the standard review/editing expertise each individual specialist provides, the network promotes collaborative opportunities and shared resources/knowledge.
  - c. USU established a summer Grant Writing Institute that begins in May, right after classes end, and lasts for 4 weeks. The 10-12 faculty who go through the program annually are selected competitively and must commit to attending and participating during the 2 days/week workshops and submit a proposal to a pre-

determined program. The workshops cover the entire life-cycle of proposal writing (i.e. developing an abstract to completing the complete technical narrative). During the institute the faculty receive one-on-one training by the Proposal Development Specialists as well as feedback and review during the planned interactions with the other faculty going through the program. A formal peer review of the completed proposal is also a requirement. Faculty receive a \$5,000 stipend for completing the institute (\$2,500 after actively participating in all sessions during the 4 weeks and \$2,500 after receipt of the formal peer review and documentation of proposal submission).

**Next Meetings:**

**Research Council – Friday, October 03, 10:30-11:30 a.m., SEB 2251**

**Associate Deans for Research – Friday, October 17, 9:00-10:30 a.m., SEB 2251**

**Upcoming Events:**

- a. September 26 – Got Research?, SU 213
- b. October 01 – Developing Strong Grant Proposals: Sciences, Goldfield Room
- c. October 03 – Research@UNLV: An Update on Research Activities, SEB Auditorium
- d. October 15 – Developing Strong Grant Proposals: Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Goldfield Room