

University of Rhode Island
Council for Research
Annual Report 2010– 2011

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Meetings 2010– 2011:

Professor Margaret Ordoñez served as the Chair for the Council for Research during the 2010–2011 academic year. The Council met on the following dates:

September 15, 2010
October 6, 2010
November 3, 2010
December 1, 2010
March 2, 2011
April 6, 2011
May 4, 2011

Significant Activities:

Approved a policy regarding the review of preproposals to extramural funders, stating that they must go through the Research Division only if a budget is required.

Approved a policy regarding eligibility to apply for external funds and a detailed proposal submission policy for the Office of Sponsored Projects.

Approved a revised Management of Intellectual Property policy and flow chart in March after examining IP policies at peer institutions more closely and submitted it to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Voted to revise the submission policy for Proposal Development and Career Enhancement applications. The RFP will require PIs to certify that if they receive more than one award for the same proposal (same project objectives) in a given year, they must decline one of the awards. In addition, the Council recommended that language be inserted in the Proposal Development and Career Enhancement RFPs requiring PIs to certify that “monies requested for certain specific objectives have not been funded elsewhere.”

Approved two new Centers and recertified two others. Did not receive a response from five centers that are in need of certification or recertification. In all cases, the relevant deans and department chairs, as well as the Provost, have been notified of the lack of compliance. Details are provided below.

Centers that failed to respond to CFR requests for applications for certification or recertification and remain unreviewed:

Center for Automation & Robotics (recertification) (Engineering)
Center for Excellence in Explosives Detection, Mitigation, Response & Characterization
(certification) (J. Oxley)
Center for Pharmacogenomics & Molecular Therapy (recertification) (B. Yan)
Research Institute for Telecommunications & Information Marketing (recertification) (R.
Dholakia)
URI Energy Center (certification) (B. Lucht)

Center application approved for:

Center for Health Behavior Monitoring & Intervention T. Walls submitted by T. Walls, D. Chelidze and H. Huang

Center recertification approved for:

URI Institute for Immunology and Informatics (“I Cubed”) submitted by A. DeGroot
The Pacific Basin Capital Markets Research Center (PACAP) submitted by S. Chen

CFR Faculty awards for the Career Enhancement and Proposal Development Grant Programs for 2010 – 2011:

After review and discussion of 10 proposals, the Council awarded \$50,204.73 from the Career Enhancement Program in the following amounts:

Bovy, Kristine, Sociology, \$6,280
Buxton, Bridget, History, \$9,937.50
DeBruin, Karen, Languages, \$5,632
Dice, Jaime, Human Development, \$4,000
Jamiel, Mary Healy, Communication Studies, \$10,000
Annu Matthew, Art, \$5,515.23
Stein, Karen, English, \$4,840
Valentino, Gina, English, \$4,000

After review and discussion of 14 proposals, the Council awarded \$100,794.55 from the Proposal Development Program as follows:

Bradshaw, Aaron, Civil & Environmental Engineering, \$9,549
Curtin, Alicia, Nursing, \$9,956.86
Dwyer, Jason, Chemistry, \$10,000
Irvine, Steven, Biological Sciences, \$5,891.25
Jenkins, Bethany, Cell & Molecular Biology, \$9,793
King, Roberta, Biomedical Sciences, \$10,000
Lofgren, Ingrid, Nutrition & Food Sciences, \$7,200
Maranda, Lucie, Graduate School of Oceanography, \$9,815
Melanson, Kathleen, Nutrition & Food Sciences, \$9,936.44
Laura Meyerson, Natural Resource Science, \$10,000
Udwaray, Daniel, Biomedical Sciences, \$8,653

Results of significant activities:

The Faculty Senate will consider the Intellectual Property Policy this academic year.