Dr. Marc Malandro, newly named Director of the Innovation Institute, gave a presentation: Innovation Institute Update. Mary Grace will send out a copy of Dr. Malandro’s presentation.

General Announcements:

- Mark Redfern thanked the Council for their comments submitted prior to the Chancellor’s retreat on February 3rd. Below are some strategic priorities that are being worked on now:
  - How is research having an impact?
  - Is research having an impact in the field you are in?
  - Partnerships – to have impact with companies, other universities, etc.
  - Policy Review Committee

- Kathy Blee discussed the Social Science Initiative proposals received:
  - 8 proposals received, some were very good quality proposals.
  - 4 proposals were funded

- Dr. Anne Robertson will host a Grant Writing Workshop on April 8, 2015. Mark hopes to have more of these kind of workshops in the future.

- The Small Grant Applications (CRDF) are due March 20, 2015.

- Mark discussed faculty having secondary appointments in other departments and how to promote these across campus. Some comments from the Council included:
  - William Layton suggested getting people from different disciplines to get together to try to solve different problems.
  - Louise Comfort suggested a Science Fair for faculty in different disciplines.
  - Robert Gibbs suggested forming a Journal Club among faculty from different disciplines.
  - Peijun Zhang mentioned she is part of a Journal Club that focuses on particular issues. The Journal Club includes faculty from health sciences, physics and a few others.

The next URC Meeting is scheduled for March 24th @ noon at the University Club.