General Announcements:

- Central Research Development Fund Announcements have been posted. Applications are due on March 20, 2015.


Kathy Blee recommended Mark look into the proposal/students tracking system that Arts & Sciences and Engineering have used in the past. Mary Grace will talk to Rebecca in Kathy’s office to get more information.

Mark Redfern’s Announcements:

- Mark has begun a Research Data Management Group Meeting with various faculty across campus. The next meeting will be in February 2015. Mark will update Council on the progress from these meetings. This group is just in the initial stages of discussions at this point.

- The Research Computing Committee was formed last fall to discuss short and long term goals of research computing needs for the university. Dr. Jim Maher is chairing this Committee. The final Committee Report is due to the Provost by May 1, 2015. Mark will share the Committee’s report and findings with the URC when completed.

- Other New and Planned Committees for 2015:
  
  - **Policy Review Committee:** Under the Chancellor’s Partnerships Initiative, a Policy Review Committee will be formed by Mark. This Committee will review current university policies and compare with other peer institutions to align with the university’s goal of increasing partnerships with industry, non-profits, and other universities.
  
  - **Improvement Process Committee:** New committee that includes representatives from various university units. The committee goal is to review the current processes and to develop more efficient methods going forward.
  
  - **University Planning Process** (under Chancellor Gallagher’s initiative): Dr. David DeJong from the Provost's Office is heading this committee. The process is to come up with Enablers and Initiatives, i.e., what does the university need to do to enable us to move forward and what are the initiatives resulting from these enablers?

  **ACTION ITEM:** Mark is looking for Council’s suggestions for possible Enablers/Initiatives. Please email these by January 30th.
Mark will email Council documents to review:
  • Board of Trustees Mission document
  • David DeJong’s Enabler/Initiative document.

- URC Subcommittees:
  Mark informed the Council of the new URC Subcommittees (see attached).

  **ACTION ITEM:** Each group is to formulate the fundamental goal for each subcommittee. Mark will email Council to provide guidelines.

  Mary Grace will email the Undergraduate Research Subcommittee Donald Taylor’s reports from last year. These reports should be helpful to the subcommittee.

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*The next URC Meeting is scheduled for February 16th @ noon at the University Club.*