Mark Redfern reminded the Council about the April 6-7th Federal Agency Briefing trip to Washington DC (Science and Engineering focus). Reminded the Council to remind young faculty in their schools to register for the trip.

Dr. Kathy Blee briefly discussed Penn State’s Grants Developer model. Their approach is innovative but not without problems. Senior faculty agree to be mentors for young faculty (the mentors are taken from a large pool of various mentors). The faculty go through a selection process to enter the program – kind of barrier to entry.

**Action Item:** Mark Redfern and Kathy Blee will meet in the near future to discuss this further.

Mark Redfern talked about the Swanson School for Engineering (SSOE) Faculty Research Compilation report. The link to the report is: [http://www.engineering.pitt.edu/Research/](http://www.engineering.pitt.edu/Research/)

Donald Taylor presented an update on Undergraduate Research at Pitt:

- There are several established undergraduate research programs in place at the University of Pittsburgh. What about developing a centralized system?

- Mark Redfern asked at what level should a centralized system be developed?

**Action Item:** Donald Taylor will look into whether other universities have developed a centralized system for undergraduate research programs.

The next URC Meeting is scheduled for April 14th at the University Club.