University Research Council  
October 15, 2013  
Meeting Summary

- Mark Redfern welcomed the Council back and introduced the three new members:
  - Marek Druzdzel, PhD - School of Information Sciences
  - Haider Ala Hamoudi, JD, JSD - School of Law
  - Donald Taylor (student representative) - Swanson School of Engineering

- Discussion was opened on the possibility of allowing non-tenured track faculty to submit proposals to CRDF. Some of the concerns that came up were:
  - Non-tenured faculty receiving funds in favor of tenured faculty.
  - In Arts & Sciences, because of the large number of non-tenured faculty, we would need to restrict eligibility to non-tenured faculty who are primarily researchers.
  - The amount of submissions would significantly increase, which would increase the workload of the reviewers.

Other CRDF comments:

- There has been a large number of senior faculty applying, should we limit to young faculty in the future?
- CRDF doesn’t promote collaborations across disciplines.
- If an investigator has received previous CRDF funding, should they be ineligible to apply for future funding?
- We should determine what CRDF awarded projects have resulted in external funding.

  **ACTION ITEM:** Mary Grace will look into the history for the external funding success rate for CRDF projects

- Mark Redfern would like to review the latest version of the Undergraduate Research Internship Recommendations report. He hopes this recommendations report can be finalized for submission to the Provost next spring.

  **ACTION ITEM:** Mary Grace will email the current recommendations report to the Council to review.

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The next URC Meeting is scheduled for November 14th – Provost’s Charge session. This meeting will be held in Posvar Hall, Room 2500.