



D R A F T
Research Challenge Committee
Meeting of February 2, 2012

Attendees: Sawicki, Jerzy, Chair
Goodell, Joanne
Krasniansky, Maria
Tebeau, Mark
Belovich, Joanne
Komar, Anton
Mazumder, Barsanjit
Wilson, William

Absent/Excused: Austrian, Ziona
Long, Tim

Guests: Zhu, Jianping, Dean of Graduate Studies
Crystal Weyman, Special Assistant to VP of Research and Graduate Studies

1. Approval of Agenda for February 2, 2012 RCC meeting
Approved and seconded as written
2. Approval of Minutes RCC meeting of October 19, 2011
Approved and seconded as written
3. Dr. Jianping Zhu, Dean of Graduate Studies, was introduced to the Committee.
Dr. Sawicki provided Dr. Zhu a brief description of the Research Challenge Committee and its charge. The Research Challenge Committee recommends policy changes to the University Administration, for example, teaching load policy, faculty release time policy, research faculty vs non-tenured research appointments, graduate tuition surcharge policy and graduate faculty appointment requirements.
4. Graduate Faculty Status Requirements
Dr. Zhu stated that he had surveyed Cleveland State University cohorts (also U. of Akron, Youngstown U., Toledo) about their minimum standards established for faculty to obtain Graduate Status. Each cohort had established minimum standards, which were different for each college.

The RCC Committee members commented that the current CSU minimum standards to obtain Graduate Faculty status are weak and need to be increased and strengthened. There was a lively discussion between Dr. Zhu and RCC members regarding the current requirement differences between Colleges. RCC members stated that some colleges have more flexibility in their standards, for example a faculty member may attend a conference vs presenting at a conference and receive the same credit towards obtainment of Graduate Faculty status. That is why, Dr. Zhu stated, CSU needs a minimum standard policy that is applicable to all colleges. Colleges will still have some flexibility as they have different missions, but the minimum standards established by the Graduate College would have to be met in all circumstances.

The RCC Chair requested endorsement from committee members that CSU should have minimum standards for obtaining Graduate Faculty status; CSU standards should be in alignment with our cohorts; increase current standards; and should take into consideration the differences between the colleges.

The Research Challenge Committee endorsed the Chair drafting a general endorsement of Graduate Faculty status obtainment and distribute to RCC for their review/comments and discussion at the next meeting.

5. Graduate Tuition Surcharge

Crystal Weyman provided a brief update on the status of the issue.

Dr. Weyman is working with Tim Long, Assoc. Vice President Finance and Technology, on this issue and they will present an update at the March 8, 2012 RCC meeting.

6. Discussion on the Pending and New Research Challenge Related Issues

The Research Challenge Committee members felt strongly that the committee needed to continue as there were unfinished issues to be resolved.

- a. Brainstorming
- b. Setting priority
- c. Strategy and timetable

7. New Business

There was no new business discussed .

8. Next Research Challenge Committee Meeting is Thursday, March 8, 2012 1:00pm in Parker Hannifin Hall Room 103.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.