

Research Advisory Board
May 6, 2009
Music 313
3:00 PM

Minutes

In attendance: Professor Eugene Chudnovsky, Stephanie Endy, Dominic Esposito, Professor Michael Ferraro, Professor Mira Goral, Dr. Marzie Jafari, Professor Alan Kluger, Professor Dina Legall, Dr. Lois Levy, Mr. Joseph Middleton, Professor Janet Munch, Professor Katherine St. John, Dr. Robert Troy, Mr. Derek Wheeler, Ms. Marcie Wolfe.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the March 18, 2009 meeting. Ms. Endy also requested an email notification of any changes to the Research Advisory Board list of members.

Announcements: Two items were not included on the agenda:

- a) Notification from the Research Foundation detailing the new MTA tax and how it will impact grant funded projects.
- b) Information was included in the packets regarding the Research Foundation's stipend policies for undergraduates in response to last meetings discussion.

Items 4a-c from agenda were raised as an announcement with supplementary information in the packet. If anyone is interested in assisting in these efforts, please contact Stephanie.

Item 4d was not addressed.

2. Continued Discussion of Issues

Issues raised at previous meetings included:

- Technology implementation
- Space considerations
- Matching Funds
- Awareness of allowable/unallowable costs
- Faculty Release/Reassigned Time
- Teaching schedules
- Student payments/Stipends
- Hidden costs to doing research
- Resources for new faculty
- Understanding and using the RF
- Transparency in rules and regulation

Some issues that were previously raised were important enough to merit additional discussion. Open discussion revealed the following additional issues:

- Growing partnerships in and out of Lehman:
 - How can we help researchers grow partnerships in Lehman, in CUNY, and outside of CUNY?
 - What are the compliance and fiscal issues involved?

- What are Lehman's policies around such partnerships?
- Twenty-one credit teaching load beyond tenure:
 - What are other CUNYs doing?
 - What can help faculty balance teaching load and other duties and research after tenure?
 - Would a larger course format have any impact?
- Tools to ease networking and contacts:
 - What tools exist to help faculty enlarge their networks and increase their contacts?
- Leveraging resources and best practices:
 - What are the best practices for leveraging the resources at Lehman and at the RF?
 - What resource pools are there?
- Obstacles to recruitment:
 - Is there adequate start up funding or housing for new faculty?
 - Are we getting the best faculty we can?
- Undergraduate research:
 - How do we foster it and encourage it?

3. Prioritization of Issues

From these issues raised, the following themes were identified:

- Faculty Incentives
- Institutional Support
- Mentoring
- Transparency in Policies and Procedures
- Publicizing the Research Enterprise

4. Summer Schedule and Priority Issues

These items were addressed with announcements above, with the exception of item 4d. Item 4d will be addressed at the next meeting.

5. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 3:00 pm in Shuster Hall, room 336.