**UNL Research Council**

**February 21, 2011**

**MINUTES**

***Present:*** Professors Awada, Barycki, Bloom, Edwards, Ford, Hoff, Kamble, Marx, Shipley and Swearer

***Absent:*** Professors Forde and Ladunga

***Guest:*** Sara Conrad, Office of Research Responsibility

***Call to Order:*** Awada called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

***NSF Training Requirement in Responsible Conduct of Research for Graduate, Post-doctoral, and Undergraduate Students Involved in Research:***There was concern expressed at the January meeting about how the campus was notified of the new NSF RCR training requirement. Sara Conrad, from the Office of Research Responsibility, distributed copies of the timeline used to notify the campus, along with the number of course completions in 2010. Conrad asked for suggestions on how to better notify the campus as the new Conflict of Interest policy will be coming out soon. Bloom said the P.I.s on the grants were never notified. Conrad said they were told they could not use the “all faculty” email list to send the notification. Bloom asked if there is a way to generate a list of P.I.s with NSF funding using NUgrant. Conrad will check with Sponsored Programs and see if this is possible. At the beginning of each semester a list of all students paid on NSF grants is generated and these students are automatically enrolled for the training. Conrad said they can also email the P.I. and the co-P.I. to let them know that their students need to complete this training. Discussion held on whether or not this applies to students receiving expense reimbursements from NSF grants. Conrad will check into this.

Bloom asked if verification notices are sent to the P.I.s when the student completes the training. Conrad said they can arrange to email the P.I. and the co-P.I. to let them know their students have completed the training. Conrad said P.I.s can also email her (sconrad2@unl.edu) or Neal Bryan and they will provide a list of students who have completed the training. Awada brought up discussion on an incident where a student had taken the training, but still received notices that they had not taken the training. Conrad said during the implementation process there were a few instances that slipped through the cracks but those problems have been addressed. Barycki said when the student completes the training, they receive a certificate stating they have completed the training. Awada suggested also notifying the business offices in the colleges when they have completed the training. Conrad will also check into this. Bloom said this training would be helpful for the P.I.s also, and asked if the course could be made available to people not required, but would like to take the training. Conrad said the long term plan will probably be to roll it out to the entire campus. If anyone has additional questions or concerns about the training, please email Conrad or call her (472-4491).

Awada noted that it would be a good idea for Espy to communicate this information to the chairs again, as well as the P.I.s.

***Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2011 Meeting:*** Motion was made to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2011 meeting as distributed. Motion seconded and approved. One abstention.

***Nebraska Lecture Series Speakers – New Call for Nominations:*** Discussion held on whether or not to release a new call for nominations for the Spring and Fall 2012 speakers.

***Deadline for March 2012 Competition:*** Discussion held on whether or not to move the deadline for Visiting Scholars/Symposia/Distinguished Lecturers to a date that does not fall during Spring break. Decision made to leave it as is.

***Other Items:*** Awada asked that VC Paul be invited to the March meeting to give an update on issues.

Discussion held on having the March meeting in the newly renovated Whittier Building, and the April meeting in Jorgensen Hall. Peg will check into this.

***Adjournment:*** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.