

COUNCIL ON GRANTSMANSHIP AND RESEARCH

Minutes

2010 Fall Meeting
October 8, 2010
9:00-2:00 p.m.

University Center – President’s Dining Room, Northeastern State University

Attendees: Tony Wohlers (CU), Nancy Thomason (ECU), Nora Finnegan (NSU), Susan Foster (NSU), Kathi Schoonover (NSU), D. J. Swepston (NSU), Tiffany Wika (NSU), Camille Holt (NWOSU), Linda Mason (OSRHE), Paul Buntz (SEOSU), Gladys Skinner (SEOSU), Lori Gwyn (SWOSU), Gerry Cherry (UCO), Pam Hagriss (UCO), Mary Huffman (UCO), Pamela McDown (UCO), Kendra Smith (UCO), Gregory Wilson (UCO)

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Networking and Coffee
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	Business Meeting
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Tour of NSU Historic Seminary Hall (Optional)

The thirteenth semi-annual meeting of the Council on Grantsmanship and Research was held in the University Center – President’s Dining Room on the campus of Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK. The meeting was called to order by Greg Wilson, Chair.

- I. Opening Remarks – Dr. Greg Wilson, Chair
 - a. Words of welcome.

- II. Self Introductions – Council on Grantsmanship and Research Members and Guests
 - a. Going around the room.

- III. Welcome from Host Campus
 - a. Dr. Tom Jackson, Assistant VP for Academic Affairs
VP Jackson wishes us a productive meeting. Discusses some of the grant successes and emphasizes the need for persistency in grant writing. Also mentions NSF successes, which can be attributed to the staff and encourages joining OK Research Day as a means to increase collaboration.

- IV. Voting for Approval of Minutes from Spring 2010
 - a. Officially accepted.

- V. Old Business
 - a. Annual reporting consistency among institutions to OSRHE regarding extramural award funding (Ms. Kathi Schoonover)
 - i. This discussion has come up several times but affirmation as to how we report to the Regents has not been reached.

- ii. According to Dr. Mason, OU and OSU do the following in terms of reporting:
 - 1) provide Regents with preliminary number in July of annual expenditures and
 - 2) confirm numbers in August. Across the institutions, reporting inconsistencies remain.

- 1. Motion: Annual Reporting to the Regents will include actual grant expenditures for a given year; excluding any formula related grants and contracts (e.g. Pell Grants). Requests for that information will be made in July by the Regents' Grant Coordinator. Newsletter reporting will include a monthly list of total awards based on letters of awards.

- Motion passed unanimously**

- b. Listing of RUSO faculty and administrators available to serve as external evaluators for different types of proposals (Dr. Gregory Wilson)

- i. Intended to develop a document to that will support the development of an external evaluator contact system. The question is as to how we want to collect the information about possible external evaluators. This information may be posted on the Regents website.

- 1. Go with what we have on the list (name and emails; probably not phone numbers)? Do we want this on the Regents website; it implies that the Regents have authorized that list. There is a wide distribution possible and as such a wide variety of options. We can send it to our office and see how it works and external evaluators should be within OK. Faculty may have the relevant expertise (content background) in contrast to an external evaluator assorted with a company. This kind of collaboration will also enhance grant writing that may pave the way for grant writing models.

- 2. If doc is send out to everyone and ask for feedback – is that acceptable? It should be done electronically to collect the data and eventually distribute the list.

- 3. Based on the draft to collect information about potential external evaluators, the council members will provide feedback. Eventually, the information will be collected via a website associated with the CGR.

VI. New Business-

- a. Responsible conduct in research (RCR) training (Dr. Gregory Wilson)

- i. RCR training is now a requirement (NIH, NSF) if students are involved in the awarded grants. RCR training must be documented for any involved student training based on 100% online training is not allowed. Costs for such training cannot be written into the grant (like an unfunded mandate) but grants must mention that such training is in place. Other fed funding agencies are going to adopt this standard due to pressure from Congress in the broader context of accountability. Moreover, this training is also a matter of integrity and ethics in response to some investigation that detected problems.

- ii. OU has been working on this for a while and they have received grants to develop a program (Train the Trainer Session based on an extensive curriculum – has the actual training book with him; costs \$750). NIH is more stringent than This training session provides the basis for developing the relevant plans (contact at OU: Michael Mumford – mmumford@ou.edu)

- iii. ECU will start with undergraduate students who are associated with NSF and NIH grants. Eventually, seminars will be offered as a one credit course (no cost for the students).
 - iv. Would it be possible for students from other institutions to take the course? The enforcement remains problematic and there are other options in terms of developing the relevant training curriculum (Publication: On Being A Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct and Research – National Academy – can get it as a free PDF but not allowed to distribute)
 - 1. Agreed to establish a task force to investigate this matter and make recommendations (Members: Susan Foster, Greg Wilson, Lori, Nora Finnegan, and Kathi Schoonover)
 - v. Regents have agreed to provide such training for regional university students; providing such training at a central location for students. So far, there is no model yet but the work has begun.
 - b. OSRHE Grant Newsletter (Ms. Kathi Schoonover)
 - i. As far as the newsletter goes, expressed some concerns about the consistence of reporting external funding in the newsletter. It is important for institutions to be consistent. NSU and SE were not mentioned on the list; September issue is likely to be re-issued taking into consideration the oversight linked to the company that produces the software for the newsletter.
 - c. Review of The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman (Dr. Linda Mason)
 - i. Intensification of globalization as a result of ICTs with a special focus on business. The U.S. is one of the few countries in the world where the current generation is less educated than the previous generation. Other countries, in contrast, have continued to value education. Therefore, the U.S. is falling behind. The successive book by Friedman deals with the green movement. Unfortunately, stewardship of the environment is based on individualistic and egotistical standards that are unethical and will doom future generations. We need to make life changes, which may be simple, but together are likely to produce transformative changes.
 - d. Review and Edit Membership List (Dr. Tony Wohlers)
 - i. Reviewed and updated.
 - e. Election of Officers
 - i. 2011 Chair: Tony Wohlers
 - ii. 2011 Secretary: Tiffany Wika
- VII. Spring 2011 Meetings
- a. Southeastern Oklahoma State University (Spring)
 - b. Northwestern Oklahoma State University (Fall)
- VIII. News and Events-
- a. Oklahoma Research Day 2010 set for Friday, November 12th, 2010, at Cameron University
 - i. Round of applause
 - b. Special Announcements

- i. New external Grantsmanship Advisory Committee to the Regents (Dr. Linda Mason). It has been established and has members representing comprehensive universities, regional universities, and community colleges, business, k-12 education, and EPSCoR. It meets twice per year. Contact Dr. Mason or any of the other representatives.

IX. Lunch

X. Adjournment and Optional Tour of NSU Historic Seminary Hall