Urban Research Transition Committee

Meeting Jan 22, 2018

Attendees: Sal Sanders, Emre Ulusoy, Dan Koewn, Cathy Bieber Parrott, Mike Hripko

1. Welcome
2. Introduce new committee members
   1. Emre Ulusoy – WCBA
   2. Dan Koewn – CCAC
3. Committee Membership-
   1. Needs – each college is represented on the committee now.
      1. Committee is to consider strategic membership need – let Sal know of any recommendations you have.
4. Develop Action Plan to achieve metrics and advance research
   1. Sal provided our committee’s charge and the data last reported to the BOT Sept 2017
   2. Committee work this year:
      1. Produce list of current research related initiatives. Identify if complete and identify priorities for moving YSU Research forward.
      2. Identify strategies to recommend to meet targets when below target.
      3. Consider threshold revision for metrics we have ‘met’
   3. Publications Metric Discussion – metric was reported in 2017
      1. Dan provided scholarship categories for CCAC faculty. He discussed challenges related to “peer review” terminology as well as need for a place to report this scholarship.
         1. Sal reports data is collected via the annual reports – however, reliability of this data is a concern. There is work toward a method for a more accurate and consistent information collection.

1. Other –
   1. Mike reported on 2 ORS topics:
      1. Research compliance priority need. Mike to send statement about strategic initiatives to ensure full compliance with Federal regulations for grant funds. [2CFR **- ???**] .
      2. ORS Budget process - In the past, 50% of grant indirect dollars came back to ORS. A change to the budget process is now that these funds now go to the General Fund. The Budget Advisory Committee now advises administration on budget concerns. The process for Mike to get these indirect moneys is via submission of a proposal for use of the money. Mike reports the process doesn’t work well for URC funds, QUEST and other ORS responsibilities. He has submitted a proposal but needed to ask for a special consideration to be able to fund URC funds. He feels that this new process indicates that research at YSU is not a priority.
         1. Committee felt the Academic Senate Research Committee should be made aware of the new process and its ramifications to research.

7.      Schedule Next Meeting – third Monday of each month.