

RPC Meeting Minutes - 11/30/18

Attendees:

Lauren Sohet	CLAS	Humanities
Georg Theiner	CLAS	Humanities
Amy Way	CLAS	Social Science
Christopher Kilby	VSB	Social Science
Anthony Lagalante	CLAS	Science
Matt Matell	CLAS	Science
Jacob Elmer	COE	ChE
James Peyton Jones	COE	ECE
Melissa O'Connor	Nursing	
Lucy Chen	VSB	

- Review Minutes
 - Minor revisions (clarify # of VSB seats on RBC)
- Discuss RPC proposal
 - RPC membership shall include 1-2 graduate research students, which should be the ex-officio chair of the graduate student organization (or whomever they choose to designate)
 - Small typographical revisions and a note that the proposal refers to a protocol that has not yet been approved, so we added a note addressing that protocol
- Discuss general protocol
 - Need an RPC website that will post meeting dates/times and some form of the minutes
 - Need to add hard limits to terms for Chair
- Next meeting
 - 12/7 from 9-10:30, invite Amanda to attend
- Review of RPC feedback on 3 policies listed below
 - Preamble
 - RPC suggests that research policies should aim to:
 - Encourage and support faculty and students in performing research
 - Encourage and support faculty and students in research education

- Support faculty in being in compliance with federal, sponsor, and University regulations
 - Minimize procedural workload for faculty and administrators.
- Advance Account Policy (welcomed by committee)
 - Need to clarify how this policy impacts student/staff recruiting
- Program Income Policy
 - Need to stress that this policy only applies to income generated during the lifetime of the project
 - Need to clarify that the return of excess program income should only be applied to the appropriate federal agency, but this term does not apply to industrial or foundation entities
- Cost Share Policy
 - Very concerned about blanket prohibition on voluntary cost-sharing
 - Members suggested that cost-sharing can provide a competitive advantage in foundational, industrial, and some federal proposals
 - RPC recommendations:
 - Include recognition that cost-share can provide competitive benefits for foundational, industrial, and some federal grants
 - Reconsider ability to include voluntary cost share in select federal grants
 - Policies formulated for federal grants should not necessarily be designed to equally apply to industrial and foundation grants