

Research Council

Research Strategic Plan Subcommittee

11-4-2013

Minutes

In attendance:

Lee Banville, School of Journalism  
Dave Beck, Native American Studies  
Barry Brown, Mansfield Library  
Solomon Dobrowski, Forestry Landscape Ecology  
Andrij Holian, Center for Environmental Health Science  
Keith Jakob, Accounting & Finance  
Ed Rosenberg, Chemistry  
Andrew Smith, Media Arts  
Scott Whittenburg, ORCS

Guest: Judy Fredenberg, ORSP

Absent: Dan Biehl, Dustin Hollist, Dave Shepherd, Diana Six, Steve Sprang

Agenda:

Introductions  
Review of SRA Research Strategic Planning Document  
SWOT  
Other documents – Previous Strategic Plan, ORCS Structure, Research Report, NSF Data  
Turn over gavel

A quick review of SRA Research Strategic Planning document

[http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/uploadedFiles/Strategic%20Planning%20in%20Research%20Organizations\\_101210.pdf](http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/uploadedFiles/Strategic%20Planning%20in%20Research%20Organizations_101210.pdf)) was done.

The VPRCS led a short discussion on what the overall goal might be, i.e. to become a Carnegie Research Very High institution. There was some discussion as to the value of such a designation to the overall University, other than just prestige. The fact that it also includes number of doctoral degrees in a variety of disciplines was mentioned. Part of the discussion was aimed at ensuring the President was committed to growing research and creative scholarship, particularly in light of the general fund budget shortfall. No formal decision regarding the goal was reached.

The previous Strategic Plan was discussed. Ed Rosenberg went over several items from the previous plan to see what had been accomplished/addressed.

Most of the remaining discussion was related to “incentives” to doing research. What are the benefits to faculty to do research? Should the unit standards be modified to stress research? If so, how should this be accomplished? Also, how do faculty get “credit” for non-traditional efforts, such as scholarly efforts through non-federal or state sponsors.

The meeting was adjourned with the VPRCS agreeing to call the next meeting and to begin generating some data to help the committee in future deliberations.