

Research Advisory Council
Meeting minutes
April 20, 2022, 3-4pm

Attendees: Brian Noehren, Betsy Northrup, Richard Andreatta, Nick Heebner, Ming-Yuan Chih, Mary Jo Hidecker, Chris Fry, and Andrew McCauley

1) CCTS\CHS meeting debrief

- Attendance was low and students with posters seemed to be the only students in attendance.
- Undergrad students wonder why they should go. How can we message the purpose better going forward? Should we have one or two undergrads present and showcase?
- How about a student research competition with prizes? Could we promote this as early as possible to allow for evaluation and then have a final three? A few months in advance it should be proposed to allow students to prepare.
- The poster session was overwhelming with the way it was set up. The faculty didn't seem to visit the students. Next year the Office of Research and Scholarship will list the location of the CHS posters. CHS faculty can be recruited to visit CHS student posters. The RAC can take the lead on this.

2) Policies on timely submissions of grant

- The number of CHS grants have grown exponentially and the amount of late submissions is unsustainable. OSPA is getting firmer on their deadlines, and CHS must follow suit with strict policy.
- There needs to be some flexibility for life events, but the policy needs to be followed.
- Should there be a review of researchers who are submitting grants with 30-day turnarounds before they are started/submitted?
- Newer people submitting grants get more review time typically. Some experienced people send in turn-key proposals.
- OSPA is spending more time reviewing and questioning submissions.
- The Office of Research and Scholarship's website will be the home of the policy and it will also be emailed out.

3) Concerns of department and request for further support from Office of Research and Scholarship

- DEI and research will have continued meetings in May with stakeholders and it will be reviewed in the future and brought back to the RAC.