

**RESEARCH COUNCIL
REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE
SPRING SEMESTER 2014**

Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP) Report

The FY14 figures represent the “new” baseline, which excludes non-competitive formula-based Student Aid. To date (through February 2014), total funding for FY14 is \$33M, compared to \$35.4M this time last year. Research funding for this time period is up by \$2.5M compared to February 2013. The total number of awards recorded during this same time period was 321 versus 343 in FY13. Data for the NSF survey on research expenditures for FY13 has been prepared and submitted. For the first time, total research expenditures have exceeded \$50M.

InfoEd

RSP is now routing all proposals electronically using the InfoEd Proposal Development (PD) module. The staffs of RSP and the Clinical Trials Research Alliance (CTRA) have been working closely with InfoEd consultants to rebuild the forms for the compliance committees to enable electronic routing and paperless review of protocols.

Wright State Research Institute (WSRI)

WSRI is also using InfoEd to identify and disseminate funding opportunities specifically to their areas of expertise. Recent funding awarded to the WSRI includes a \$1M contract with the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), which will involve investigators in the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the Psychology Department in the College of Science and Mathematics. Dr. Jason Parker, the Director of WSRI, has been meeting with various campus units to provide an overview of the Institute’s research capabilities and its integration with the University.

National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR)

General Rufus Smith, the Director of NCMR, has been working closely with WSRI and others to generate new business and collaborations.

CTRA

As a result of the interactions with the area hospitals, the CTRA has successfully expanded its portfolio of clinical trials. A very well attended two-day “Investigator Training Program,” designed to support clinical trial investigators and sponsored by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, was held in November 2013. With the assistance of the Director of Compliance, work has continued on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) related to compliance processes.

Technology Transfer

The second Technology Roundtable event is scheduled for May 9, 2014. The Technology Roundtable focuses on identifying and supporting innovative and potentially commercializable research at Wright State. Participants, comprised of faculty, staff and students from any college or discipline, will be provided feedback from a panel of business and technology leaders to help push the respective technologies and ideas to the next step in the commercialization process.

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S)

EH&S presented scenarios related to loss or mishandling of hazardous materials that have occurred on other campuses, as a cautionary note for Wright State. A subcommittee will be formed to review Wright State's current policies and controls and steps that might be taken to mitigate any apparent risks.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Uniform Guidance update from Council on Governmental Relations (COGR)

COGR has provided its membership institutions with a roadmap to implementing the OMB Uniform Guidance. The Guidance is a result of two years of work by the Federal government to streamline awards to ease administrative burden and strengthen oversight to reduce risks of waste, fraud and abuse. A Wright State implementation group has been formed and will be tasked with interpreting the Guidance, reviewing and revising policies and procedures, and communicating with the University community. The University is required to comply with the Guidance by December 2014.

Graduate School/Tuition

Dr. Fyffe was appointed the Dean of the Graduate School and Dr. Ayres the Associate Dean effective February 1, 2014.

Deans were recently advised of changes made to allocations for support of graduate tuition scholarships. The revised method will permit the Graduate School to engage in a more strategic approach in recruiting students.

Export Compliance Task Force

A University Export Compliance Task Force is being formed to raise faculty, staff and student awareness of export control regulations. Non-compliance with these regulations can lead to serious consequences for both the University and the investigator.

Research Misconduct Subcommittee

The subcommittee is reviewing the current Wright State policy and will make recommendations on a new policy to be forwarded to Faculty Senate.