

**RESEARCH COUNCIL
REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE
FALL SEMESTER 2013**

RSP Report

Research Council members were provided the fiscal year end update of external funding. Total funding for FY13, including Financial Aid, was \$91M, compared to a little over \$100M in FY12. Awards by Major Funding Source indicate reductions across all categories. The decline in State agency funding is a result of the change in fiscal agency relationship between Wright State and OhioLINK. In terms of federal funding, support from the Department of Health and Human Services fell approximately \$3M, with significant reductions in awards to faculty across nearly all Institutes of the National Institutes of Health. This is also reflected in the drop in awards categorized as “basic research.” Total number of awards also declined--from 608 in FY12 to 539 in FY13.

For FY14, RSP will record awards differently to more closely reflect the efforts of investigators and the active assistance of RSP staff. As such, the Student Aid/Services category will no longer include formulaic Financial Aid awards. This readjustment of the baseline will result in lower overall total award dollars in FY14 but provide a clearer view of the competitive funding picture.

Compliance

Ms. Julie Carstens joined the University in July as the Director of Compliance. Ms. Carstens works closely with the Clinical Trials Research Alliance (CTRA) and oversees the research financial interest disclosure and management process.

Wright State Research Institute (WSRI)

Dr. Jason Parker is the new Director of WSRI and will continue to foster collaborations with industry and government partners.

National Center for Medical Readiness (NCMR)

Retired Brigadier General Rufus Smith was named as the new Director of NCMR. General Smith is working to strengthen the NCMR operation and its Calamityville training site.

InfoEd

The InfoEd Proposal Development and Tracking modules have been implemented. The Conflict of Interest module is operational and investigators may use it for electronic submission of their financial interest disclosure forms. Work is continuing on the Human Subjects and Clinical Trials modules for potential rollout in late 2013/early 2014.

CTRA

Eight (8) clinical trials contracts have been signed with potential enrollment of 200 subjects and a total value of \$1.4M. Additional contracts are currently under negotiation.

The Boonshoft School of Medicine launched a new Translational Research Development Grant Program. This program provides a mechanism to link basic scientists with clinician-investigators. It also promotes, cultivates and establishes innovative translational clinical research programs that

have a high probability of attracting external funding and/or have potential for the generation of intellectual property and commercialization. Additional information is listed on the BSOM Research Affairs website.

Technology Transfer

The State Attorney General's office introduced a website that provides information on terms and guidance on negotiating licenses and commercialization agreements for industry to use when working with State universities. The website is located at:

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Business/Commercialization>

Many sponsors now require proposals to include a specific section on commercialization. The Office of Technology Transfer is available to assist investigators with preparation of this section of the application. The Office can also provide assistance with interpretation of the regulations and guidelines. Prior approval from the Vice President for Research is required for these services.

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S)

Dr. Lawrence Prochaska, who served as a member and Chair of the Radiation Safety Committee for 30+ years, has stepped down; Dr. Courtney Sulentic is the new Chair.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH)–Radiation Protection Bureau conducted an inspection in September. The inspection went very well with no violations. EH&S staff members conduct periodic internal lab audits to ensure compliance.