Summary

The Faculty Council on Research (FCR) continued to discuss ways to improve the UW research environment with various administrative units. We met five times during the year with people mainly from the Office of Research to remain informed about the latest infrastructure and regulatory developments that can streamline or complicate efforts by UW researchers to obtain and use external research support. We also dealt with classified research and also intellectual property issues.

Presidential (Executive) Order 24: Use of Human Subjects and Post-Approval Monitoring Program

Karen Moe, Director of Human Subjects Division and Assistant Vice Provost for Research, provided (June 5, 2012) a proposed revision to Presidential Executive Order 24: Use of Human Subjects (EO 24) and received considerable feedback from FCR members who are well acquainted with research involving human subjects. Wendy Brown (Jan. 9, 2013) described a new program intended to verify that human subjects research is being conducted in compliance with all regulations.

Green Labs

Aubrey Batchelor and Jennifer Perkins (Office on Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability) presented (June 5, 2013) on green laboratory certification at the UW. UW has the opportunity to take the lead in adopting sustainable behavior in its laboratories. The presentations were aimed at council members and their colleagues so that researchers would be made aware that the environmental impact of their can be improved.

APL-UW Requests for Approval

There were two proposals generated by the APL that were approved by the FCR this academic year. One (April 10, 2013) was to MANDAX funded by ONR to run a meeting for presenting and discussing classified results. The other (June 5, 2013) was for a contract: “Next Generation IMS Hydroacoustic Hydrophone Stations Modular Design Study” from the Preliminary Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization. The FCR sub-committee on Classified/Research led by Daniel Vogt, with members Norm Beauchamp, Gerald Miller and Todd Scheurer reviewed each proposal before presentation to the full FCR.

F&A Rate Agreement Proposal

Cristi Chapman, Director of Management Accounting & Analysis (MAA), presented an update (June 5, 2013) on the Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Rate Proposal Process. Their office is at the point in the cycle where rate negotiations are taking place and Chapman provided FCR with an overview of the process.
Impact of Sound Transit Tunnel below UW Campus
V’Ella Warrren, Senior Vice President and Treasurer, Board of Regents, introduced (Jan. 9, 2013) Richard Chapman, Associate Vice President of UW Capitol project who outline the efforts to mitigate the potentially serious impacts of the Sound Transit Light Rail Tunnel which will tunnel under our campus. The possible impacts and ways the UW are handling those were discussed.

Creation of Special Committee on Intellectual Property and Copyright
The Senate Executive Committee approved creation of its own to committee to deal with faculty rights regarding intellectual property. The FCR Chair Miller serves as an ex-officio member of this committee and discussed its activities at several FCR meetings during the year.

Intellectual Properties Management Advisory Committee
This is the President’s Committee that deals with Intellectual property in the wake of the Stanford v. Roche decision by the Supreme Court. The FCR Chair Miller serves as an ex-officio member of this committee and discussed its activities at several FCR meetings during the year. The key issues discussed by both the SCIPC and IPMAC concern the assignment language and Executive Order 36 which deals with intellectual property. The EO36 is old and out of date. Discussions of revisions will continue next year. This will be aided by the collection of information regarding practices at other universities.

Proposed Guidelines for Joint Appointments
The new guidelines were discussed by Vice Provost for Research Mary Lidstrom. (Nov. 14, 2012) Issues related to promotion and tenure are to be discussed by the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs, but this Council had stated that it had no time for the issue.

The following resolution was unanimously approved by the FCR:

“Whereas
1) Joint appointments are essential to the business of the UW and
2) Procedures guiding departments making joint appointments are needed

Be it resolved
That the Faculty Council on Research urges the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs to provide feedback, especially regarding issues related to promotion and tenure, to Mary Lidstrom and/or Gerald Baldasty on the "Considerations for Joint Appointments" document.”

This statement was unanimously approved by the Council.

Export Controls
Carol Rhodes, Interim Director, Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) was introduced (Nov. 14, 2012) to present on Export Controls. Rhodes is one of the export controls officers at UW, overseeing export control policy, and presents this policy every few years to the Council. This policy falls within FCR’s duty of oversight of restricted rese
Federal Budget Sequestration
This topic was discussed several times during the year. It is clear that the Sequestration is having a negative effect on the amount of research funding obtained by the UW. There is a UW bridge program which will help researchers whose funding is delayed.

Council Members for 2012-2013 Academic Year:

Faculty: Cecilia Aragon, Engineering; Norman Beauchamp, Radiology; Gerald Miller (Chair), Physics; Axel Roesler, Art; Mike Rosenfeld, Environmental and Occupational Health; Todd Scheuer, Pharmacology; John Slattery, Pharmacology; Daniel Vogt, School of Forest Resources.

Presidential Designee: Mary Lidstrom, Vice Provost for Research.

Ex-Officio Representatives: Jim Fridley, Faculty Legislative Representative; Christene James, PSO; Maureen Nolan, ALUW; Kiehl Sundt, ASUW; Jia Yin, GPSS.

Regularly Invited Guests: Susan Camber, Associate Vice President, Financial Management; Christy Gullion, Director of Federal Relations; James Poland, Faculty Security Officer; Carol Rhodes, Associate Director, Office of Sponsored Programs.