Chair Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis:
1. Introductory comments
2. Call to order and approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes
4. Announcements
5. Request for Information and updates:
   a. Request for Approval of Outside Professional Work
   b. Faculty Effort Certification
   c. Office of Research update
6. Discussion
7. New Business

1. Introductory Comments

Brent Stewart opened the meeting reminding Council members of the dates of the FCR scheduled meetings for winter quarter; January 19, February 16 and March 7, 2006. All of the meetings will be held in Room 420 Mary Gates Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

2. Call to order and Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved
3. Approval of Minutes

Brent Stewart commented what a great job that Kathy Bracy did on the minutes. A few corrections will be made. Sue Camber had a variety of issues that need clarification, and she will work with Brent in making these corrections.

4. Announcements

Brent pointed out that there is a phone in the room and that he will try to get speaker phone capability so the participants who are off campus (Greg Benner, Tacoma Campus; John Rasmussen, Bothell Campus; and Barbara Perry, Washington, DC) have the capability to attend meetings via conference call, if they are unable to come to campus for an in-person meeting.

5. Requests for Information and Updates

a. New Request for Approval of Outside Professional Work for Compensation Form

Gail Stygall, Vice Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, led a discussion on the new request for Approval of Outside Professional Work for Compensation form. Cheryl Cameron, Acting Vice Provost, explained that there were many reasons for the new form. The old form has been around for decades, and to automate this process. As a result, they recently updated the form and created an online version. The new form is designed to clarify many questions that faculty have brought up. In developing this form, they worked with the Office of Research and the Administration. Mary Lidstrom thought that it would be very helpful to have a website of frequently asked questions (FAQ), which might allow faculty to resolve their own questions and concerns. If you have any questions that might be good for a FAQ website, please email them to Brent Stewart and he can work with Cheryl Cameron and Gail Stygall.

b. Faculty Effort Certification and response to Draft DHHS OIG Research Compliance Guidance

Susan Camber, Assistant Vice President, Research Accounting and Analysis, and the AG’s office have been drafting a response to the draft OIG Compliance Program Guidance (CPG) for Recipients of PHS Research Awards as published in the Monday, November 28, 2005 Federal Register. The draft letter is broken down into three areas; General Comments, Risk Areas, and a Summary. Effort reporting [as delineated in the OIG CPG] is inconsistent with A-21, because their guidance focuses on “timekeeping” and suggests significant precision. We need more flexibility. The University’s letter urges the Office of the Inspector General to withdraw the CPG and re-propose it in a draft form emphasizing a more flexible approach that will permit institutions to design compliance programs that are most effective. They are also encouraging them to endorse the Council on Governmental Relation’s (COGR) comprehensive strategy outlined in the recently issued, “Managing Externally Funded Research Grants: A Guide to Effective Management Practices (2005)” rather than identifying specific compliance program elements and risk areas. They need to get this letter out by next Tuesday, so would appreciate feedback from the Faculty Council on Research as soon as possible. Brent Stewart will get the file from Sue Camber and send out to FCR members for their feedback.
c. Office of Research Update and Research Funding Forecast

Mary Lidstrom, Vice Provost for Research, gave the Council members an update on the Office of Research. Recruitment is in process for an Associate Vice Provost for Research Compliance. In addition to organizational changes, the OR is currently conducting an internal strategic planning process to develop a vision for how the office can provide better services.

Regarding the funding forecast, Mary Lidstrom and Carol Zuiches worked together looking over data using a high and low market-share data for the past three years to help project the potential over the next few years. Last year, our awards were up about 3%. With NIH cuts across the board of 2.3%, and Department of Defense funding going down [up?], things may be a little tight. Mary is very optimistic [long-term?] about funding for the UW, because we are very competitive, our funding may remain somewhat stable and might even increase a little. Our main concern is whether junior faculty can withstand a bleak funding period. Mary has asked Tom Daniels to chair an ad hoc committee to look into bridge funding to help junior faculty overcome this period of tight funding.

6. Discussion

a. Office of Research, Research Infrastructure Requests for FY2007

Mary Lidstrom talked about budget limitations for research infrastructure next year – there is no money, and as indirect costs go down and renovation and other areas of infrastructure go up, there may have to be cuts in order to make ends meet. We need to reach out to corporate leaders to help send a clear message to legislators about the importance of the 07 budget. FY2007 could be a rough year for research budgets.

Asuman Kiyak felt that the infrastructure review done by the Research Advisory Board a couple of years ago was a very helpful tool. Units should be held accountable in reviewing requests for new money and be able to justify their new requests.

Mark Haselkorn pointed out that the I-TAC committee was meeting next month to review technology proposals submitted for FY2007 budget requests.

b. Upcoming issues for Winter quarter meetings from FCR at large

Brent Stewart asked members to email upcoming issues to him due to lack of time.

7. Announcements

Barbara Perry informed council members that Senator Murray will be on campus Monday speaking at a brief forum and press conference on saving student financial aid in the budget reconciliation making its way through Congress right now. President Emmert and several students will also be speaking about restoring cuts to student financial aid.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM. Minutes recorded by Peggy Fanning, Assistant to the Director, Office of Research. Minutes to be approved at the next FCR meeting scheduled for 16 February 2006.
Present:  **Faculty members**: Booth-La Force, Haeseleer, Haselkorn, Kiyak, Kumar, Miller, Morrison, Rasmussen, Stewart, Vogt, and Wright  
**Ex officio members**: Ashby-Larrabee, Barker, Dworkin, Lee, Lidstrom, and Welton

Absent:  **Faculty members**: Benner, Fluharty, and Franza,  
**Ex-officio members**: Lovell

Guests: Cheryl Cameron, Peggy Fanning, Susan Camber, Barbara Perry, Gail Stygall and Carol Zuiches