Research and Creative Activities

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Competitive grants

- Continuing with Proposal Development & Career Enhancement grants
  - 200K total, PD awards 1K – 25K, CE awards 1K-15K
- Timing – (moving a bit earlier this year)
  - November - final RFP and open call
  - Jan 25th – Due date
  - February – Reviews
  - March – Recommendations to VPR
  - April – Announcements

- Potential refinements this year
  - Reviews mostly done by the RCA committee, coordinating lots of externals was a mess
  - Sample templates for applicants with evaluation weightings
  - Closer look at the consistency of the reviews
Centers review

• The mess
  – Look at the review done last year
    • There are lots of inconsistencies with existing functional centers and other less
      functional zombie centers
  – Propose some changes based on new definitions

• The future
  – Look at new UM definitions for Centers and Institutes, starting with a draft
    from the VPR and Provost
  – Issues
    • Reporting. Report what, to who, when?
    • Centers list in the manual or not?
      – Benefits / cost for being in the manual, or not being in the manual
    • Maintenance of the Centers list, and enforcement of the new rules
    • Non research centers
Overhead distribution

• Clarify the RCA role in the review of overhead distribution
  – Set better expectations for the report to the FS
  – Work with Controller to generate a summary report
  – Current reporting does not seem useful for the average interested or uninterested person

• Update language in the Manual, sections 10.72.XX
  – Current dates are not feasible, and don’t match the actual process