

CELS Research Committee Meeting Notes. March 31. 2:00 -- 3:00

Attendance: Thomas Boving (GEO), Marta Gomez-Chiarri (FAVS), Niall Howlett (CMB) (Chair), Jason Kolbe (BIO), Carlos Prada Montoya (BIO), Tom Sproul (ENRE), Mark Stolt (NRS), Cheryl Wilga (ex officio). Mark Stolt kept notes. **Absent:** Elizabeth Mendenhall (MAF),

Next meeting: April 28.

Report due for all CELS meeting on April 27th.

Discussion focused on the Faculty Senate research committees and whether they have information on how indirect funds are spent.

What about CELS? Is it reasonable to ask the college what they spend indirect costs/funds on? Cheryl suggested that she will bring this up to the dean. What could our committee do to have more of an influence of how these funds are spent? For example, could the research committee suggest a list of priorities that the faculty would like to see some of the overhead funds be spent on? What else can we do to learn more about where overhead goes.

The GSC (Genomics Sequencing Center) is going to move to the RI-INBRE centralized research core facility (see March 3 minutes). There is a new committee being established for the main users of the GSC and bioinformatics core to develop plans for the long-term sustainability of the sequencing instrumentation. The discussion focused on: if this new advisory committee is needed; who should be on the committee; and what should be their role? Cheryl mentioned that the dean's office has been covering maintenance contracts for cost centers.

Marta suggested a couple of websites for related research computing at URI:

<https://its.uri.edu/research-computing/>
<https://its.uri.edu/research-computing-center/>

Cheryl: briefly discussed some of the issues with InfoEd such as still needing an Excel spreadsheet for your budget. This was related to our discussions with having funding to assist us in grant writing work (mostly budgets).

How do we work around the InfoEd issues? Have a CELS meeting for Q&A with Franca Cirelli and others in OSP and the CELS budget folks?

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.