



1. Vice Chancellor of Finance & Chief Financial Officer, Bill Bowes, presented to and met with the Faculty Senate Research Committee on June 24, 2015 to discuss the proposed Research Shared Services (RSS).
  - Bowes made the case for change citing variability of services across campus
  - Stated this is not a cost-saving measure, as the Chancellor is willing to put money into this effort
  - The plan is to evaluate who can do what job and cross-train individuals to provide better coverage for researchers
  
2. Discussion about the RSS ensued
  - Ferguson stated the Senate needs to present the faculty's list of concerns, for example: 1) would large awards be given preference for management over small awards and 2) would the RSS need standard operating procedures for various types of grants?
  - There is a proposed Governance Committee for the RSS to be composed of research faculty but that is not in place yet
  - Mac-Millan-Crow will meet with Bowes and suggest research faculty and other stakeholders on this committee
  - Post commented that Bowes met with the University Research Committee (URC) in April telling the URC, "This is what we are thinking of doing, would you like to help?"
  - The RSS plans were put on hold until survey results could be looked at; the URC stated that the questions on that survey would not yield the information they were seeking. Post told Bowes that the Senate Council and the Senate Research Committee were the best to draft these survey questions
  - The comment was made that the research questions/results from the 2013 Senate faculty survey could serve as a starting point to write these questions.
  - RSS roll out is scheduled for January 2016, but activities would start July 1st, 2015
  
3. Next steps with regard to RSS
  - Faculty must be made aware of this impending change; MacMillan-Crow and Post will write the blog post for the Senate website to disseminate the information and gather comments and ideas from faculty
  - Rosenbaum suggested having only 5 pre-award and 5 post-award questions; there was general agreement with that approach
  - MacMillan-Crow will draft the pre-award questions; Gaddy and Suva will draft the post-award questions. All will be distributed to the Council and the Research Committee for input.
  - Three members of the Research Committee are scheduled to meet with Bowes mid to late July, Jennings, Owens and Macmillan
  
4. Old Business—None
  
5. New Business Items called to the Council's attention—None
  
6. Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm