COMMISSION ON RESEARCH
October 11, 2006
325 Burruss Hall
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.


Invited Guests: B. Hausman, and T. Pickering

Others: R. Farley

1. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve agenda and seconded

2. Approval of Minutes: Dr. Roberto asks for approval minutes of September 13, 2006. A motion was made to approve the minutes and it was seconded. Dr. Roberto asks for approval of the April 12, 2006 notes that will be put in minute form. A motion was made to be approved and it was seconded.

3. Introduction: Dr. Roberto asks Bob Walters to give some background on himself. Dr. Walters came to Virginia Tech in 1985 and has been the Head of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering since 2002. Bob joined the Office of the VP for Research two weeks ago. He will help Research Expenditures, and be joining the COR.

4. Center Reviews: Updates on the center reviews. All of the review work was finished and over the summer the report was being written by Sherry Turner was the Commission Representative. She was in a very serious accident over the summer and forced to take disability and retire form the university. Dr. Pickering has been in contact with her and she will try and find the notes and files and draft. Then she will send them on to Dr. Pickering. The two centers up for review this year have been communicated with to get committees established and send the letters out to the directors.

5. Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment: The launching of the third Institute. The primary focus will come out of Social Sciences and Humanities and work with ICTAS and IBPHS. To help focus and facilitate fellowship in Social Sciences and Humanities the heart of this institute. The institute will operate same as ICTAS and IBPHS research distribution model. A preliminary Charter will be drafted. An interim director will be named for a period of time perhaps up to two years. State Quarter Committee – Chair will be Dean Niles, members Dean Knox. Dean Sorensen, Lay Nam Chang, Dean Depaw, Dr. Fenwick, Tim Luke.

6. Research Integrity Procedures and Policies: Dr. Fenwick has put together a series of reviews, as well as some background information. How prepared would we be if we were to be investigated? The University does not have Office of Research Integrity or a person that has that role. What are our
recommendations and our beliefs that we have in place and how to move forward. This being our Charge to spend the time and studies to be able to make recommendations. Watched video, of some situations of allocations and/or misconduct. The faculty handbook is all that we have in place at this time. There is a sample policy to compare to our Faculty handbook. Agreed to proceed to have legal look at the faculty handbook, to see if we need more procedures and policies in place. Should we to have a (RIO) Research Integrity Officer (part-time). To continue at the next COR meeting.

7. **Adjournment:**  
Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.