COMMISSION ON RESEARCH
September 14, 2005
325 Burruss Hall
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.


Members Absent: M. Akers, S. K. DeDatta, M. Kelly, R. Murch, T. Settle, A. Street, and J. Weaver

Invited Guests: T. Pickering, P. Hyer, and D. Martin

Others: P. Pettry

1. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda with an addition of a new business item – plans and items for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded and the agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2005: A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

3. Election of Temporary Chair: Dr. Bob Hendricks volunteered and was elected to serve as interim chair. A process for electing the chair for 2005-06 was discussed. Nominations will be accepted until September 28 with the election to follow. The new chair will be informed on September 30.

4. Revised Policy 6200 – Research Extended Appointments – Pat Hyer and Doug Martin: Dr. Pat Hyer presented a draft to the membership on the policy on research extended appointments. She said instead of 9 month appointments, faculty could opt for 10, 11 or 12 months as long as the participating faculty member has the funding to pay for it. Mr. Martin stated the funds will be required to come from contracts and grants and not overhead or any funding from the state. A discussion followed with only positive comments for the policy. Dr. Hyer asked the membership to email suggested changes to the policy to her by September 30. A vote on the policy as amended between now and September 30 with non-substantial changes was unanimous. Dr. Hyer will write the resolution to send to University Council.

5. Intellectual Property Committee Update: Dr. Blair said the Intellectual Property Committee found no real need for changes in the intellectual property policy (only titles of referenced individuals). He mentioned plans for additions of staff to VTIP as well as changes in how business is conducted at VTIP. Dr. Blair
also provided a document entitled, “Intellectual Property Committee Practices”. He said he wants the faculty to have input and will go back to the IPC to plan for faculty presentations.

6. Plans and Items for Upcoming Year: Some suggested items to be discussed this academic year are: 1) research space; 2) IBPHS and ICTAS charters; 3) center reviews – reexamine procedures; selected center reviews; how reviews are done; and 4) completion of revision and consolidation of policies on centers.

7. Adjournment:
Meeting adjourned at 5:15PM.