



**University of Research Council
Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 7, 2013**

The University of Research Council (URC) met from 11:00-12:30 PM on Monday, October 7, 2013 in Waul House. Committee members present were: Jim Bernauer, Philosophy, David Blustein, Lynch School of Education, Tom Chiles, Vice Provost for Research (VPR), Dick Clifford, School of Theology and Ministry, Pat Doherty, Institute for Scientific Research, Summer Hawkins, Graduate School of Social Work, Ben Howard, Mathematics, Gail Kineke, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Gabor Marth, Biology, Alicia Munnell, Center for Retirement Research, Bill Nunez, Provost Office, Kay Schlozman, Political Science, Phil Strahan, Carroll School of Management, David Takeuchi, Graduate School of Social Work, Dunwei Wang, Chemistry, Steve Wilson, Physics, Ellen Winner, Psychology, and Barbara Wolfe, Connell School of Nursing. Also present were guest speakers Sharon Comvalius-Goddard, Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and Jane Morris, Head Librarian, O'Neill Library.

1. Sharon Comvalius-Goddard opened with her topic, "Publishing Restrictions." The URC agrees that the University should have an academic policy regarding faculty publications. Sharon will work on creating a Publications Draft and send it to Tom Chiles, Vice Provost for Research, for review. The policy should then be published on the BC website.
2. Jane Morris addressed the need for the library to have an open access fund proposal for \$30,000. Tom Chiles agreed to support this proposal.
3. Tom Chiles announced that the VPR's Office is exploring two new internal funding opportunities in addition to the already offered Research Incentive Grant and Research Expense Grant programs. The Ignite Program will be designed to provide faculty with a stream of funds in order to obtain preliminary data for external grant proposals. Funding will be distributed three times per year with the VPR supporting 3-4 projects per session at \$30,000 each for a total of 10 projects annually. Research Across Departments and Schools (RADS) is specifically aimed at supporting interdisciplinary research projects between faculty in different disciplines, departments, and schools at BC; the VPR will support five projects per year at \$50,000 each. These two new internal support programs are expected to enhance and grow research and scholarship at BC.

The University of Research Council adjourned at 12:30 pm.

**Next Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014**