

Research Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 1, 2009

Attendees: Potter, Draper, Zimmerman, Paschal, Stroub, Kwok, Liu, Smith, Troup, Sladen, Siegel

1. Member profile
 - a. Jerry Potter, ECE discussed his work with Associative Computing
2. Retreat plans
 - a. Smith, Troup, Draper, Siegel met to discuss some of the proposals that had been submitted as possible items for retreat topics (let proposals from various agencies).
 - b. NSF interdisciplinary proposals were reviewed – one regarding Atmos Sci looks promising – but need to make contact with Atmo Sci (Troup following up). Another proposal would need a POC from Warner College (Smith following up). Draper following up on a Decision Making proposal (RAC members could address this one).
 - c. Large retreat format was discussed – alternatively suggestions were made that we should attempt to minimize the planning to meet shorter proposal timeframes.
 - d. How do we overcome the interdisciplinary problems – people not automatically discounting a proposal because they don't know another aspect of the proposal – versus attempting to find someone who could collaborate.
3. ISTeC Scholar
 - a. Sladen will send current working document for this program to Draper to review prior to May meeting and then distribute to committee before May meeting for feedback.
4. FA09 Department Heads meeting to introduce ISTeC again?
5. Webpage content updates:
 - a. Sladen tasked with providing content for Scholar webpage
 - b. Draper to follow-up for GS510 and GS511 classes on webpage (/Synergy)
 - c. Troup to follow-up on /Research_Communities on website
 - d. Stroub to follow-up on /Retreat, /Distinguished_Lecturer on website
6. Next meeting May 6