

ISTeC Research Advisory Committee

Minutes

August 23, 2007

Attendees: D. Dean, L. Troup, S. Rajopadhye, B. Draper, D. Zimmerman, D. Bastian, S. Hayne, Haonan Wang, R. Kwok, J. Potter

Guest: J. Sites, College of Natural Science Dean for Research

1) Research retreat:

- Annual research retreat every year has had a good turnout; however, attendance has gone down and enthusiasm has also gone down.
- Research Advisory Committee (RAC) should consider doing more than the retreat to increase the profile of the group.
 - poster sessions that have had a good response.
 - Try to do similar activities on a more regular basis.
- research retreat identifies common interests
- Other approaches for research retreat:
 - identify a topic that is of interest of a specific group
 - have multiple smaller retreats (could have 2 or 3 places if smaller groups are used)
 - Sequence of meetings to follow the entire project
 - Identify champion to lead group vs. growing organically (research retreats have proven that a champion is needed, keeps single focus, and keeps proactivity)
- Compare our research map to map of funds available
 - Database software might be able to parse through information about funding
- Use social networking maps to:
 - identify topics and people we can use to develop a team
 - pick research area carefully to avoid picking a bad topic
 - approach Professors are very active in research (e.g., have multiple grants) and invite them to the research retreat
- It is important to determine the map of the content area of what is being funded
 - Track history of what is being funded
 - If software can work then it might be possible to allocate resources to identifying research areas

2) Annual poster session?

- CS started an annual poster session however it failed because students were left to organize the activity and they were not able to.
 - ISTE C could offer organizational skills to do the session efficiently
 - Get posters from other groups as a way of increasing visibility
- The cost hosting an annual poster session is in general a small cost (costs would include the room, stands, etc).
 - Invite front range employers
 - Have various categories of awards (e.g. inter-disciplinary)

Note:

There is a consensus to join the poster presentations to the Andre van Tiborg spring seminar. Andre might want to find somebody if he knows there is poster session.

News and upcoming events

- Future Vision (Friday September 14th)
 - Keynote from Google
 - Breakout groups
 - Keynote from IBM
 - Second life presentation.
 - IAC has 30 active companies
 - 9 stepped forward to fund the future vision
 - Did not cost anything to CSU
- Distinguished Lecture Series (Mondays from 11-12, overlaps with CS BMAC series)
 - Does anyone want to help organize the Distinguished Lecture Series?
- Ground breaking invitation should be sent out.

Agenda next meeting

- **Steve:** do a presentation about funding data
- **Mary Ann:** Find protocol for reserving a room and releasing it (will it cost anything if a room is released, how long before does would it have to be released if it is not used)
- **All:** come to the meeting with a date for the research retreat