

Research Advisory Committee Minutes December 2009

Attendees: Paschal, Draper, Troup, Siegel, Sladen, Bartels, Liu, Smith, Harry
Visitor: Jim Fokestad (EAC), Melinda Laituri

1. **Member profile** - Dawn Paschal

2. **TILT**

- a. Jim Folkestad discussed plans for a TILT (Institute for Learning and Teaching) interaction
- b. Creating social network interactions for use on campus
- c. Jim Folkestad will be teaching a Droople session in January
- d. Looking for volunteers (students?) to work on development of a tool

3. **Meeting time for next Semester**

- a. 1/20, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 12 -1 PM
- b. Randy Bartels will do January member profile

4. **RAC Activities** – (Dennis, Lucy, 10 min)

- a. Follow up from last month's discussion

D. Harry: Recall that I had suggested exploring a model of building research collaborations focused around the ongoing passions and activities of faculty. This is intended to be a complement to the alternative model of responding to RFP's and trying to build a group interested in responding to the RFP. I see a place for both models. One is RFP driven, requiring that community be built around the RFP after it is released. The other is grass roots driven, relying on the ongoing interests and energies of the invested people to seek out the right existing programs to obtain funding. I think the RFP model has the advantage of going after big projects and making game-changing impacts on CSU's research footprint. The second model has the potential to build critical cross-disciplinary team collaborations that cut to the heart of science issues that we as individuals identify as being at the forefront of our various fields of interest. My opinion is that the RAC would do well to do all we can to facilitate both approaches.

I was asked to put together a mock-up of what I viewed as an example of what we might collect as part of a research portfolio. "Projects seeking collaborators" is how I think of this. I had in mind a 1-page document, but that turned out to be hard to do. So here's my example of what such a thing might look like. Sort of a social networking approach, trying to find interested partners.

I pass it along now in the hopes that we don't have to pause and let everyone read it tomorrow. I'll keep my comments brief at the meeting and we can mull it over and come back to it next semester if the RAC sees merit in exploring this approach.

5. **Retreat** – (Lucy/Dawn/Melinda 20 min)

- a. Current Status of Retreat?
 - North Ballroom, LSC 12-5PM
 - Stroub to set up website for registration
 - John Gottsegen from State of Colorado as keynote?