

Research Policy Committee Minutes
December 20, 2017
Fleming 4006
4 pm

Members present: Charles Brooks, John Callewaert, Marisa Conte, Jacob Carlson, Francine Dolins , Kate Eaton, Junghyun Lee, Peter Lenk, Jairam Menon, Sandy Momper, , Adam Van Deusen

Guest: Jack Hu

Agenda:

- I. Jack Hu distributed and discussed an outline (attached) of the progress of research at UM over the past year. The topics discussed were:
 - a. Overall Health of UM Research
 - b. Research initiatives
 - c. Ethics and Compliance
 - d. Research Services
- II. Principal updates included:
 - a. Overall, the UM research endeavor is going very well. Both federal and non-federal funding have increased, and we are the second best funded university after Johns Hopkins.
 - b. An important concern is the 21% tax that the provost levies from all indirects, including non-federal funding. This leaves very little for the units, and primarily affects new faculty who are more likely to be dependent on non-federal funds (30% indirects vs 55% for federal grants). OR is encouraging the provost's office to scale back to the previous rate of 11% for non-federal funds.
 - c. Major Research initiative updates include:
 - i. Expansion and continued success of Mcity
 - ii. Continued growth of MIDAS (Michigan Institute for Data Science)
 - iii. Provost commitment for 3 years of Mcubed round 3
 - d. Major Ethics and Compliance success: Full AAALAC accreditation.
- III. Adjourn at 5:15
- IV. Next meeting is Friday, Jan 19 at 2:30