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

III. Adjourn at 5:15

IV. Next meeting is Friday, Jan 19 at 2:30