

## FRAC Meeting

June 20, 2008

### Comments made by FRAC regarding “Research and Scholarship at Mississippi State University in 2013”

- Seems like a one size fits all document. Example Goal 1-G Written from a specific perspective; perhaps engineering. All programs do not select dissertation in the same manner. Add the phrase “earlier in academic career”.
- Really like Goal 3-E
- Like all the additions.
- Goal 2-E: Not really nominated for all the wards. Change to “nomination/selection”.
  - Make it “Career Awards” instead of “NSF Career Awards”
  - Abbreviate list
  - Final consensus: Leave it the way it is.
- Goal 4-A: Remove “in order”.
- Document provides direction for the university.
- These are practical goals.

### Comments made by FRAC regarding the Research Seminar Series

- Are these in order of when they will take place? *The first four are in order but the remaining seminars are not necessarily they order. Dependent on personal commitments of presenters.*
- Add a seminar on finding funding opportunities
- Cathy Grace would have knowledge with regards to foundation funding.
- One to two hour workshop on starting the writing process. Some people have trouble taking the idea and putting it on paper.
  - Need faculty mentoring (workshop) to help with this.
  - Provide incentive for mentorship (senior mentors get summer salary if the junior faculty grant is funded (bridging).
- Managing research group: include best practices
  - Include ground rules, growing your group and some “what not to do” examples
  - Remember small research groups as well as large ones
- Will these be streaming on the website. *Potentially.*
- Hazardous Materials Workshop:
  - Should IRB coverage be included here? *It is included in the second grant writing workshop.*
  - Include biosafety.
  - Some suggestions were to have multiple workshops on more specific topics while others believed a broader approach gives people a heads up on issues they might not have previously believed to be relevant to them.
- Separate the topics from single workshops into different podcasts to allow people to focus in on the specifics of the workshop without having to listen to the entire presentation.
- New topic: Workshop to enhance educational opportunities with research. Include Training Grant Programs.

- Volunteers as presenters:
  - Lori Bruce: Managing Your Research Group
  - Mark Bricka: Hazardous Materials w/ Terry Coggins
- Comments regarding the 3 day workshop on Grant Writing:
  - A good incentive for the facilitators would be a letter of acknowledgement from Dr. Schulz (appreciate letters sent by Dr. Schulz).
  - Mark Bricka volunteers to be a facilitator.
  - Lori Bruce suggested Roger King would be a good facilitator.

**Comments regarding the EPSCoR Request for Preproposals for Research Infrastructure Improvement Proposal**

- Infrastructure is misspelled in the title.
- EPSCoR doesn't want to restrict the topic but open it up and see what comes in.
- Who is the lead on the DoE EPSCoR? *JSU is the current leader on that EPSCoR.*