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Members Present: M. Sharps, (Chair), J. Cummins, T. Einhorn, A. Fiala, J. Jung, J. Larralde, T. McClanahan, C. Ortiz.

Members Absent: C. Lucey (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharps, at 1:30 p.m. in room 312 Science II Building.

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of 9/5/2007.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - a. Annual report has been submitted (MSC).
 - b. A timeline for the Laval Awards has not yet been determined
 - c. CSU-Fresno has been awarded 4.5 million via a NIH, research in minority institutions (RIMI) grant. This is the largest NIH award to date (TM).
 - d. Dr. Dennis Nef met with the committee to discuss the creation of a four-member team to attend the Regional Workshop Program on Institutionalizing Undergraduate Research, at CSU-Northridge (Feb 29-March 3, 2008). The team would focus on the current status of undergraduate research at Fresno State and its future direction. The University's major goals for the workshop would be to increase the visibility of our programs and promote both faculty and undergraduate research. An invitation to join the team was offered to committee members prior to announcing the opportunity to Department Chairs'.

4. Old Business.

Creative Activities.

- Further discussion ensued regarding the position of the university research subcommittee on the inclusion of creative activities within its area of concern. It was pointed out that the research/scholarly/creative activities committee grants equal weight to creative activities and research. Future consideration from the university research committee will be granted to the topic and a justification for the addition of creative activities will need to be developed.

Research Clearinghouse.

- J.Jung announced the need to pursue alternative funding sources for development of the research clearinghouse prototype. Suggestions included applying for a university mini-grant.

5. New Business.

None

MSC to adjourn (2:35 p.m.)

The next scheduled meeting of the Research Subcommittee will be on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., in Science II, Room 312. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the next meeting.