

**Research and Consulting Committee
Annual Report
2005-06**

The RCC did not meet this year so we do not have a final report, per se. Since I arrived in August of 2001, the primary responsibility had been reviewing Grant-in-aid and RDSP proposals.

The Grant-in-aid program was sponsored and funded by the VP for RCATT. Since the 2003-2004 academic year, that program has been discontinued and is under review. The requests far exceeded the funds available each year, the requests were often from the same proposers each year, and the greatest majority of the proposals were ag and hard science. Although these are important areas and we reviewed and funded very worthy proposals, there is also a need in the arts and humanities and creative activity areas for internal funding such as this. Given the limited amount of funds available, the VP has been working with the ND EPSCoR Office and Kay Sizer to review and to determine whether this program should be continued or reconstructed.

The RDSP is a program sponsored and funded by the Research Foundation, under Dale Zetocha. Again, the requests far exceed the funds available each year. Historically, proposal review for this program had been conducted by the RCC, but a decision was made this past year to revise the proposal review process. Rather than enlisting the help of RCC, the process was coordinated by the Office of Technology Transfer and involved those staff members in assessing proposals' commercial potential. Technical reviews were also obtained from others on campus and elsewhere with appropriate experience and knowledge in particular fields.

The RCC had in the past also been involved in the review of the Intellectual Property policy, but did not perform any services of this nature during the past fiscal year.