

## **NDSU Research Council Minutes**

**February 7, 2018**

**Memorial Union – Peace Garden Room**

Call to order at 3:35 PM

**Attendance** – Pamela Emanuelson, Svetlana Kilina, Mark Strand, Bernhardt Saini-Eidukat, Corina Todora, Tim Peterson, Kasey Maddock Carlin, Kelly Rusch, Sheri Anderson, Jolynne Tschetter

There was not a quorum, so the minutes of the January 10, 2018, meeting will be voted on at a later time.

### **New business**

In continuing the discussion on strategic planning for research, VP Rusch handed out information on the Carnegie Classification. If NDSU wants to be classified in the “highest” category, it is good to look at this data.

Many people think the classification is driven only by research expenditures. This is not true. VP Rusch explained the following three items go into determining the classifications:

- The number of PhDs per year over a three year average [broken into several categories].
- Research expenditures S&E and non-S&E].
- The number of non-faculty PhD researchers.

Progress in some areas has been less rapid at NDSU than other universities. In the last classification 8 universities went from highest to higher, including NDSU. Fifteen moved from higher to highest. NDSU does well comparatively when it comes to research expenditures. It is very low as indicated in the 2015 data on S&E Research Staff.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the Carnegie Classification. VP Rusch indicated it was not meant for universities to rank themselves, but it was designed to classify universities. It has become a prestige item, but that was not the intended purpose.

It was noted that perhaps we should be benchmarking against ourselves rather than trying to chase big universities. A question was asked as to whether there is a classification for land grant universities and whether this would be a better way of comparing ourselves to other institutions.

One concern noted is that hiring Post Docs is an issue and some faculty are not pursuing these positions due to the long hiring process. This could have an impact on the reported numbers. Other comments included that NDSU seems to be moving more toward applied doctorates and these wouldn't count in the numbers.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.