Initiatives of the Research Office (OVCRGE)

• Reorganization of research units
• Build the PI pipeline
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• Remove obstacles to grant submission and implementation of funded research projects
• Change the campus culture

My personal expression of gratitude to research administrators – we are one team working for a common goal.
Reorganization of Research Units

• Integration of sponsored research offices on campus within OVCRGE
  • RSP - welcome back to the Research Office!
  • Office of Industrial Partnership (OIP) now a unit within RSP
• Integration of compliance for human subjects and animal research within OVCRGE
  • Benchmarked peer institutions
  • Surveyed faculty and PIs
  • Ed/SBS IRB now a unit within OVCRGE; plan to also integrate HS IRB
  • RARC (Research Animal Resource Center) to be integrated within compliance office
Build the PI Pipeline

• Re-start of the cluster hire program to support new faculty positions
  • Announced last week by Chancellor, Provost
  • 15+ faculty positions to be added each year for 3 years

• Evaluate benefits and feasibility of developing a career path for Research Professors
  • Benchmarked peer institutions
  • Working with governance groups
  • Assistant, Associate, Professor levels within Research Professor track
  • Distinct from Scientist track – independence in funded research
Build the Research Pipeline

• Continue *UW2020: WARF Discovery Initiative*
  - Funded 49 research groups, 257 faculty PIs and 53 academic staff
  - Over $9M in new research funding, 30+ other grants under review
  - New round of *UW2020* funding in FY18 – abstracts due 10/16

• Offer special funding initiatives
  - Microbiome in FY17; Data Science in FY18

• Enhance matching allocations for awarded grants
  - Past 3 years, OVCRGE provided $2.8M in matching funds that yielded $57M in grants

• Develop *Resources for Researchers* website
  - 650+ resources on website, 300 more in submission, 1400 unique users since June

• Support workshops for Social Science and Arts/Humanities faculty
Remove Obstacles to Grant Submission and Implementation of Funded Research Projects

• Launch Research Development Initiative (pre-award)
  • Complex grant proposals, interdisciplinary research

• Reduce compliance obstacles or delays
  • Compliance can take up to 42% of a researcher’s time (national data)
  • 50% of faculty in IRB survey noted that they have not pursued or abandoned new research because of anticipated or experienced difficulties with IRB review
  • Seeking ways to streamline process; implement new Common Rule
  • Make ARROW easier to use!

• Smooth pathway for industry-funded research
  • Collaborating with SMPH on identifying obstacles to industry-funded clinical trials
  • OVCRGE COI identified pathway to reduce obstacles to industry-funded research

• Prioritize laboratory renovations within FP&M (with VCFA)
Change the Campus Culture

• Evaluate the level of risk our campus is willing to tolerate in research compliance activity
  • All research has some associated risk that must be weighed against societal benefit.
  • We must ensure the safety and well-being of human and animal subjects and comply with regulations and accreditation standards.
  • But peer institutions are experimenting with greater flexibilities, so we are benchmarking peer institutions to learn about how they have instituted greater flexibilities while maintaining the highest ethical standards.
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My Personal Message of Appreciation to Research Administrators

• None of this happens without the support you provide to faculty, research staff, and students in moving UW-Madison’s research enterprise forward.

• Stay in touch
  • “Making Research Work” blog (join-makingresearchwork@lists.wisc.edu)
  • Website (www.research.wisc.edu)

• Questions?