



Research Policy Committee

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2015-2016 Committee Work

The Research Policy Committee met one time this academic year, to review changes in the process for submitting proposals to Sponsored Projects Services (SPS) under the Three Day Proposal Submission Policy and discuss potential future agenda items.

The committee discussed the changes in the process for proposals that did not satisfy the three day proposal submission policy to SPS. Under the new guidelines, SPS reviews, processes, and approves proposals in the order received. The proposal must be in final form including final approval in UAccess Research and ready for submission to sponsoring agency.

The committee agreed that further clarification to the process was needed regarding three points and the RPC chair sought out additional information from SPS as summarized here:

- 1) Proposal submission from multiple principal investigators and from different units within or external to our institution seemed challenging to coordinate and to have fully routed in time.
 - New dashboards on UA Analytics are being developed to help coordinate proposals approvals
 - A follow up with SPS once the new dashboards have been created is planned
- 2) The ability to track proposals during the routing process seems unclear to PIs.
 - A new Proposal Routing dashboard in UAccess Research was created for investigators, department/college administrators to track the routing of the proposal in real time.
- 3) The need for flexibility when proposals are submitted for processing after the three day requirement.
 - Proposals are no longer allowed to jump the line if they do not meet the three day requirement.
 - The new process includes a late proposal request for those proposals that are late beyond the PI's control and require Dean's approval.
 - Approved late proposal requests will jump in the front of the line.



Findings from this exchange were reported to the Senate Executive Committee and plans to further distribute the information gathered to clarify the new process are planned in the future from the RPC chair to the faculty. The work of RPC would not be possible without the commitment of the various faculty members who donate their time to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erica Corral".

Erica Corral, Chair
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