Minutes for the University Enrichment Committee Meeting Thursday, 12/12/13

Meeting was called to order around 3:30pm.

Present: Stacey Weiss, Justin Tiehen, Wayne Rickoll, Carl Toews, Robin VanHouten, Randy Worland, Sara Shapiro, Sunil Kukreja.

Minutes from the last meeting on November 21st were approved.

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing funding for faculty research proposals. We identified non-research-related expenses in some proposals and made sure not to allocate funding to cover those expenses; only to cover expenses directly related to research. The costs and benefits of some technology-specific research were compared and contrasted. Some of the proposals were for sabbatical research, and funding for those proposals was decided to be outside of the jurisdiction of our committee. As such, funding for those proposals was not given. The need to provide adequate funding for both spring and fall research was also considered and discussed.

Two proposals were funded at 50%, all sabbatical-related proposals were not funded, and the rest were funded at full.

We then reviewed the two charges that our committee faced. These charges were originally set out by our own committee. We decided that they were outdated and dropped them.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.

Minutes were recorded by Robin VanHouten.