

**MTU Research Advisory Council**  
**February 10, 2003 - 11:00 am**  
**Room 226 Admin**  
**Minutes**

***Present:***

Dave Reed, Vice President for Research  
Neil Hutzler, Assoc Dean, College of Engrg  
Peg Gale, Assoc Dean, SFRES  
Casey Huckins, Graduate Faculty Council  
Jim Wood, College of Engineering

Terry McNinch, College of Engineering  
Anita Quinn, Research & Sponsored Programs  
Julie Seppala, Research Accounting  
Joanne Polzien, VP for Research Office  
Dan Greenley, Controller

1. Approval of January 13 Minutes  
The minutes were approved as submitted
2. Foreign National Guidelines  
The title for these guidelines has changed to National Security Guidelines and is posted on the Research web site. Anita is looking at RA's and their researchers. Send to alledepts-l.
3. New IDC Rates  
We are in negotiation right now on new IDC rates. This is done on a 3 year cycle (last base year was '99). The proposed rate to ONR is 56.50. ONR may or may not accept the new rate. The number was driven by the space survey (MTU put up ab out \$102 M in buildings - Noblet, Dow, M&M). Although this is not the final word but only what has been proposed, they typically do not negotiate.  
This mostly will affect industry research - most federal agencies accept the rate except when there is a cap on an award (then asks for a waiver). Dan said we use ONR because of amount of defense funding we use.  
There was some concern expressed that this would put us above most public universities if accepted. If this rate is accepted the overhead return rate needs to be looked at. Dave said half of what is collected is distributed back to campus.  
A final determination and approval is expected by May 31. The new rate will take effect after June 1 - all proposals submitted at the lower rate go with the lower rate (51% until the new rate takes affect).
4. Modification sub-committee charge  
Set up parameters for when a modification to a sponsored project should be requested through RSP. It should be noted that some sponsors may not require a request of MTU because we have been given expanded authorities. Some situations may occur where a department chair or dean may want to be informed of the need to modify the sponsored project account. For example:
  - a) when sponsored release time is decreased
  - b) equipment needs to be replaced
  - c) graduate student support varies
5. Other
  - A. REF
    - i) 19 seed grants (\$821,342) and 1 mentoring grant (\$12,000) were received. There is about \$210,000 allocated for these requests. Review committee members are Casey Huckins, Pete Moran, Tom VanDam, Andrew Storer, and Tammy Haut Donahue.
    - ii) 10 infrastructure grants (\$413,467) were received. This is about \$100,000 allocated for these requests. Review committee members are Larry Sutter, Bruce Rafert, Mary Durfee, and Paul Bergstrom.
  - B. Grad student fringe benefit rate - there was a brief discussion regarding this. Ask Pam Eveland to attend the next meeting to discuss tuition rates and waiver. Try to move the meeting to March 17.

