Topics covered by ERC this academic year:

1. In fall of 2013, ERC reviewed College of Engineering goals based upon the 2009-2014 Strategic Plans and provided feedback for the future Strategic Plan.

2. DER statistics of 2012-13 was reviewed. In fiscal year 2012-13, there were 537 proposals submitted with total over $71M and there were 423 new awards.

3. Technology transfer related topics were discussed. Brice Nelson from Business Connect were invited to discuss their strategy for technology transfer. Relative value of publications and IPs (patents) in promotion & tenure decisions were also discussed, along with the IP “quality.”

4. Nominations for the Academy of Global Engagement were discussed, were the Academy was created by both the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Engineering.

5. RCR training enforcement for graduate student were discussed and recommendation were made to Dr. Chatti. ERC found that the enforcement of graduate students could be done by graduate secretaries during the registration and as for the post-doctors it would be the responsibility of their supervisors.

6. The associate dean asked ERC members to review and rank the Withrow nominations (both junior and senior ones). The Withrow nomination rank rules were discussed and the final rankings were provided to the associated dean.

7. The ERC committee discussed the possibility of holding an annual event for industrial representatives to meet and connect with engineering faculty members to improve the industrial connections to EGR faculties.

8. The DER and OSP proposal submission timeline was discussed. The overall feedback is that the proposed deadline was reasonable but there is a concern over the recommendation that the final proposal needs to be submitted 3 days before the proposal submission deadline.

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