Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the fall semester!

I would like to update you on the recent developments in our office.

We have evolved the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Affairs (OVPREA) into the new Office of Knowledge Enterprise Development (OKED), reflecting our broader message of supporting the generation of knowledge and the transition of that knowledge to the world.

OKED has two operational groups: Research Enterprise Development (RED) and Economic Development and Global Enterprises (EDGE), and an area of emphasis that is focused on the establishment and successful implementation of transdisciplinary institutes and emerging initiatives. I would encourage you to take a moment to view the video message from Dr. Rick Shangraw, Senior Vice President, to learn more about OKED: http://vimeo.com/14092482

The RED team is focused on assisting all of you in advancing your research endeavors. I am delighted to share the good news that our research enterprise has done exceedingly well in the past year - thanks to all your hard work and dedication to our research mission:

- More than $1.8 billion in research proposals were submitted last year, a 38.1% increase from the previous year
- More than $347 million in awards were received, a 33.4% increase from previous year
- A new record of more than $332 million in annual research expenditures, reflecting a 6.5% increase over the previous year

We are launching this bi-monthly newsletter to keep you all informed about research opportunities, recent developments in policy and operations, workshops and events, new awards and achievements. Please visit our – or rather “your” – funding website: http://funding.asu.edu which is updated daily with the latest research funding opportunities.

Attached is a PDF of the newsletter for you to view. I welcome your feedback to help improve the content and format of this newsletter at Redbulletin@asu.edu.

We look forward to working with you in the 2010-2011 academic year.

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Research Enterprise Development (RED)

Research Enterprise Development consists of four groups:

- Research Strategy (formerly PRIDE)
- Research Operations (formerly Research Administration)
- Research Policy and Assurance
- Research Facilities

Below you will find an overview and recent updates from each group, as well as the “Research Matters” section which highlights the accomplishments of our faculty and students.

Research Strategy Updates

The PRIDE office of the OVPREA has undergone a transformation in scope under OKED and was recently renamed the Research Strategy Group (RSG). RSG facilitates research advancement through 1) the identification and dissemination of research funding opportunities, 2) large-scale proposal development, and 3) promotion of interdisciplinary, pan-ASU and external collaborations and research initiatives. To achieve its mission RSG provides the following faculty resources:

- [http://funding.asu.edu](http://funding.asu.edu) – updated daily with ASU-relevant research funding opportunities
- Funding agency intelligence
- Large-scale proposal development
- Research forums/ symposia
- Clinical and corporate partnership connections

For additional information about RSG services, please contact Brigid Dineen (brigid.dineen@asu.edu) or Natalie Landman (natalie.landman@asu.edu).

Research Policy and Assurance Updates

Research Policy and Assurance provides resources to assist faculty and administrators to facilitate, achieve and maintain ethical principles and comply with federal, state, and university regulations governing research. Areas supported include Research Policy Development, Human Subjects, Animal Care (including the ASU vivaria), Conflict of Interest, Biosafety, Research Misconduct, Export Controls and the Responsible Conduct of Research.

NIH Outreach Seminar:
The National Institutes of Health will present an outreach seminar in Phoenix next April 27th through 29th. The seminar is designed to demystify the application and review process, clarify Federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. NIH policy, grants management, review and program staff attend and provide a broad array of expertise and encourage personal interaction between themselves and participants. The seminars are appropriate for grants administrators, researchers new to NIH, as well as graduate students.

For additional information, please contact Beth Israel, Associate Vice President for Research (beth.israel@asu.edu).
Responsible Conduct of Research:
ASU is committed to the highest quality education for all students and scholars, and has implemented an institutional plan for Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training, so that all ASU students and postdoctoral researchers supported by sponsored projects can benefit from RCR training.

Please see http://researchintegrity.asu.edu/rcr for additional information, a copy of our RCR plans, information on the 9 RCR topic areas, etc. Additional information may be obtained from ORIA at 965-4796 or via email at research.integrity@asu.edu.

Conflict of Interest:
In our continuing effort to be of service, we are working to combine both the required research and the State conflict of interest forms into a single, simple to complete on-line disclosure form. This will facilitate both research and non-research transactions. Please contact Debra Murphy, Director, Office of Research Integrity and Assurance (debra.murphy@asu.edu), for additional information.

Research Operations Updates

Research Operations encompasses all of the activities that assist with preparing proposals, reviewing and submitting them to sponsors, negotiation and setup of sponsored projects and management of awards.

- The chart below shows that the account activation process has been streamlined and awards are routinely being setup in 5 days or less from notification of ORSPA. We continue to focus on similar process improvements for both proposal processing and award management.

- We are launching a new and improved proposal week timeline. Signature requirements will be reduced, a simplified proposal routing and approval form introduced and additional time allowed for investigators to prepare the narrative portion of their proposals.

For additional information, please contact Tamara Deuser (tamara.deuser@asu.edu).
Research Facilities Updates

Research Facilities focuses on management of research space and support of core research facilities.

- ISTB4 is under construction. The building has about 170,000 assignable square feet of labs and offices, plus a 3500 square foot auditorium and display gallery. The building is scheduled for 99% completion by March, 2012, with move-ins planned for summer of 2011.

- The Southwest Regional Center for Aberration-Corrected Electron Microscopy is being constructed just south of Noble Library. It will house four state-of-the-art electron microscopes, in an ultra-low vibration setting. The building was partially funded by $3.3M from ASU, and is scheduled for completion in December, 2010.

- Jon Harrison (Professor in the School of Life Sciences) started a new 50% position in July, 2010 as Director of Research Infrastructure and Facilities. If you are planning a new grant that has significant infrastructure or facility’s needs, please contact him at j.harrison@asu.edu

Research Matters

Research Matters! That’s the message the OKED Communications team is focused on carrying to the public. ASU research activities, achievements, and impact are spotlighted using a variety of tools. Please send your story ideas to Sheilah Britton, OKED Director of Media Communications (sheilah.britton@asu.edu), or Diane Boudreau, Editor of Research Stories (dianeb@asu.edu).

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