

Agenda
Merrill Research Retreat
Lied Lodge, Nebraska City, NE
July 16-18, 2014

“Planning for Future Research in Public Universities in Uncertain Times”

Wednesday, July 16

- 6:00 pm Opening Reception in the Rosenow AB Room, downstairs from the lobby
- 7:00 Dinner, Rosenow AB Room
Welcome by **Mabel Rice**, Director of the Merrill Advanced Studies Center at KU
Introduction of Participants

Thursday, July 17

- 6:30-8:00 am Breakfast in the Timber Dining Room
- 8:00-8:30 Brief group photo shoot on lobby stairs
- 8:30-8:35 **Mabel Rice**, Director, Merrill Advanced Studies Center - Welcome
- 8:35-8:45 **Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little**, University of Kansas – Introduction of the keynote speaker
- 8:45-9:45 Keynote Address by **President Sally Mason** of the University of Iowa: *“Planning for Future Research in Public Universities in Uncertain Times”*
- 9:45-10:15 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Mabel Rice**
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Research Administrator Panel: Introduced by **Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little**
Harvey Perlman, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska: *“Engaging with the Private Sector: Nebraska Innovation Campus”*
Brian Foster, Provost Emeritus of the University of Missouri: *“Adaptive Planning in a Chaotic Research Environment: Aligning Academic and Business Issues”*
Jeffrey Vitter, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of the University of Kansas: *“Enhancing University Research through Engagement and Collaboration”*
- 11:30-12:00 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Doug Girod**, Executive Vice Chancellor, UMKC
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch, Timber Dining Room
- 1:00-2:00 Researcher Panel:
Baskar Ganapathysubramanian, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University: *“Revolutionizing science through simulation: A junior researcher’s perspective on research challenges in uncertain times”*
Jonathan Brumberg, Assistant Professor, Speech-Language-Hearing, University of Kansas: *“Interdisciplinary collaborations at work in brain-machine interface research”*

Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering, University of Nebraska:
“Collaborative research between engineering and life sciences: Influence of surface attachment on the biological properties of proteins”

2:00-2:15 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Mary Lee Hummert**, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Kansas

2:15-3:15 Research Administrator Panel:

Danny Anderson, Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Kansas:

“Research, Productivity, and Pressures on Faculty Careers in the Era of Disruptive Change”

John Leslie, Head, Department of Plant Pathology, Kansas State University: *“Stabilizing Research Departments in a 10% World”*

Mark McIntosh, Professor and Chair, Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, University of Missouri: *“Strategic Investments in Research in Microbiology and Immunology – Importance of Technology Infrastructure”*

3:15-3:30 Open Discussion – Moderator, **John Colombo**, Director, Life Span Institute, University of Kansas

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:05 Research Administrator Panel:

Karen Burg, Vice President for Research, Kansas State University: *“Planning Interdisciplinarity in Uncertain Times: Research Centers”*

Henry Foley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Missouri: *“New Approaches to Academic Intellectual Property Management”*

Prem Paul, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, University of Nebraska: *“Top Secrets to Growing University Research in Uncertain Times”*

Sarah Nusser, Vice President for Research, Iowa State University: *“A newcomer’s view of research administration in uncertain times”*

5:05-5:30 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Sara Rosen**, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Kansas

5:30-6:45 Drinks – Library Lounge

7:00 Dinner – Timber Dining Room

Friday, July 18

6:30-8:00 am Breakfast

8:10-8:15 Opening Remarks—**Mabel Rice**

8:15-9:35 Research Administrator Panel:

Michele Kennett, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Missouri:

“Anticipating New Directions in Human Subjects Research”

Chitra Rajan, Associate Vice President for Research, Iowa State University: *“Developing Research Capacity and Infrastructure”*

Richard Barohn, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Kansas Medical Center: *“Clinical Research: New Frontiers”*

Joseph Heppert, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Kansas: *“Can research inform us about the efficacy of University STEM education?”*

9:35-10:00 Open Discussion – Moderator, **Mary Lee Hummert**

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:35 Researcher and Administrator Panel:

Kurt Preston, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Nebraska:

“Department of Defense Research Funding: Opportunities, Idiosyncrasies, and Risk Analysis”

Emily Smith, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Iowa State University: *“The argument for investing in expensive research endeavors: Analytical chemistry as an example”*

Joy Ward, Associate Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas:

“The role of climate change research in enhancing international collaborations in the sciences”

Chris Sorensen, Courtelyou-Rust University Distinguished Professor, Kansas State University: *“37 Years an Academic Scientist”*

11:35-12:00 Final Discussion with Moderator **Mabel Rice**

12:00-1:00 Lunch and Departure