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