Agenda
Merrill Research Retreat
Lied Lodge, Nebraska City, NE
July 22-24, 2015
“Research Innovation as a Pathway to the Future”

Wednesday, July 22
6:00 pm Opening Reception in the Steinhart Room, downstairs from the lobby
7:00 Dinner, Steinhart Room
Welcome by Mabel Rice, Director of the Merrill Advanced Studies Center at KU
Introduction of Participants

Thursday, July 23
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 Meeting in the Rosenow Room
Mabel Rice, Director, Merrill Advanced Studies Center - Welcome
8:35-8:45 Introduction of the keynote speaker
8:45-9:45 Keynote Address by Ruth Watkins, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Utah: “Fulfilling our Promise: Integrating Scholarship and Education in the Research University”
9:45-10:15 Open Discussion – Moderator, Mabel Rice
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-11:10 Researcher Panel:
Alexandra Thomas, University of Iowa: “Reinforcing the Translational Bridge: Realizing the True Promise of Research Innovations”
Hinrich Staecker, University of Kansas Medical Center: “Developing Novel Treatments for Hearing Loss”
11:10-11:40 Open Discussion – Moderator, Mabel Rice
11:40-1:00 Lunch, Timber Dining Room
1:00-1:40 Research Administrator Panel:
Richard Barohn, University of Kansas Medical Center: “Challenges of the coordinating site for carrying out investigator initiated multi-center clinical trials”
Wolfgang Kliemann, Iowa State University: “Paradigm shifts in research”
1:40-2:00 Open Discussion – Moderator, John Colombo
2:00-2:40 Researcher Panel:
Shane Farritor, University of Nebraska: “Enhancing Creativity in Research”
Mary Rezac, Kansas State University: “Creating and Sustaining Interdisciplinary Research Groups”

2:40-3:00 Open Discussion – Moderator, John Colombo
3:00-3:30 Break
3:30-4:10 Research Administrator Panel:
   Don Steeple, University of Kansas: “Cuts and Guts: Public University Budget Hemorrhages”
   Daniel Reed, University of Iowa: “The Future of Innovation”

4:10-4:30 Open Discussion – Moderator, Deb Teeter
5:30-6:45 Drinks – Library Lounge
7:00 Dinner – Timber Dining Room

Friday, July 24

6:30-9:00 am Breakfast
9:10-9:20 Opening Remarks—Mabel Rice
9:20-10:00 Researcher and Administrator Panel:
   Neal Kingston, University of Kansas: “Shifting the Paradigm of Large-Scale Achievement Assessment”
   Christopher Morphew, University of Iowa: “The intersection of autonomy, accountability and research innovation: identifying new ways to do new things (without creating new problems)”

10:00-10:30 Open Discussion – Moderator, Julie Nagel
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:25 Research Administrator Panel:
   James Tracy, University of Kansas: “A View from Pasteur’s Quadrant: “Fundamental” v. Use-Inspired Research as Drivers of Innovation”
   Steve Goddard, University of Nebraska: “Social & Behavioral Sciences Research: Is now the time to invest?”

11:25-11:45 Final Discussion with Moderator Mabel Rice
11:45-1:00 Lunch and Departure