**College of Education**

**Research Advisory Committee**

Minutes – February 1, 2018

**Members in Attendance**: Drs. Adams (Dean representative), Lombardino, McFarlin, Fang (video conference), Murata (video conference), DePue (audio conference)

**Action Items:**

I. CRIF award

* Discussion of history of CRIF. Previously was one $50,000 award, last 4 years it has been split, most recently one $40,000 award and two $5,000 awards.
* Applications have been slow in recent years.
* Decision was made to have one $40,000 award and one $10,000 award.

II. Fein Award

* Current balance is $67,000
* Current award is three years, each of which include $15,000 research support, $15,000 salary supplement, and .50 RA
  + Total is about $190,000 over all three years
  + Current model is not sustainable
* Donors wish to see people continuously hold the award
* New structure proposed and accepted unanimously by committee
  + 2 years, each with $5,000 research support and $5,000 salary supplement
  + Will be open to competition every 2 years
  + Open to assistant professors, associate professors, and full professors
  + Discussion of whether to allow award to be awarded to incoming faculty, this was not approved

III. B. O. Smith Award

* Current balance is $110,000
* Current award is three years, each of which include $5,000 research support and $5,000 salary supplement
  + Total is $30,000 over all three years
* No changes to finances needed (keep $5,000 research and $5,000 salary supplement per year
* Request was made to shorten the duration from 3 to 2 years, which was unanimously approved.
* Request made to open to assistant professors (in addition to associate professors), which was unanimously approved.
* Discussion of whether to allow award to be awarded to incoming faculty
* Decision was made to offer 2 awards simultaneously, one to be awarded to sitting faculty and one to be awarded at the Dean’s discretion and may include potentially awarding to incoming faculty