

## Scholarship, Research and Creative Thought Committee

First Meeting, October 9, 2014

### Minutes (*subject to approval by Committee*)

The Strategic Scholarship, Research and Creative Thought Committee held its first meeting on Thursday, October 9. Attending: Candace Vance, Jason Jagers, Nicole Hand-Bryant, John Roark, Jacqueline Hansen, Steve Cobb, Daniel Johnson, and Murphy Smith (Chair). Unable to attend: Terry Derting, Iin Handayani, and Howard Whiteman.

The meeting began at 4:30 pm.

The members present held a discussion concerning:

- a. Strategic Plan and items on Google Drive
- b. Plan details (high level - 30,000 feet)
- c. The challenges facing higher education (University of Denver report, "Unsettling Times")
- d. PowerPoint file for Town Hall meeting (draft provided via email)
- e. Date/Time of Town Hall meetings

The committee discussed the goals, objectives, outcomes/scorecards (4 to 6, measurable) to be tentatively identified by January 22 and to be refined following Committee and Town Hall meetings. Various items on the MSU:100 (7 on p. 6) and Strategic Vision draft document "Achievement, Endeavor and Hope: The Murray State Plan" (4 on p. 2). An additional item was suggested: Increase student attendance at regional and national professional and academic conferences. These would be starting points to be presented at the Town Hall Meeting. There was discussion as to how research accomplishments (grants, publications, etc.) could be fostered/rewarded, such as merit increase in salary and release time to do research (course load reduction).

Committee members agreed to provide revisions to the Committee's Town Hall PPT file by Monday, October 20.

Another item discussed was the need to revise the faculty handbook to reduce faculty contact hours, from 12-25 to 12-14.

The committee's Town Hall meeting was set as follows:

Friday, Oct 24, 3:30 pm, Business Building 404

Future committee meetings and Town Hall meetings were tentatively set as follows:

TENTATIVE - Research Committee Meetings (Acct Dept. Conference Room):  
Thursday, Jan 22, 4:30-5:30 pm (Jan 12-Feb 12)  
Thursday, Mar 4, 4:30-5:30 pm (Mar 2-Apr 2)

TENTATIVE Research Committee Town Hall Meetings:  
Friday, Jan 30, 3:30 pm, Business Bldg 404 (Jan 12-Feb 12)  
Friday, Mar 13, 3:30 pm, Business Bldg 404 (Mar 2-Apr 2)

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm