Goal 2: Be at the forefront of high-impact transdisciplinary research.
Date: Fall Quarter 2012

Summary of Activities:
During the fall of 2012, the working group (Chris Murphy and Clare Yellowley):
1) met together to formulate a plan for addressing strategy.
2) met with Dean Lairmore and Associate Dean Lloyd to present their 3 part 18 month plan to address strategy. This plan focuses on improving the overall grants and contracts processes and on producing an on-boarding toolkit for new faculty.
3) sent their plan to faculty in APC to solicit their input and suggestions for further development of concept.

Resource Materials/Data Analysis: n/a

Upcoming Activities/Initiatives:
The Working Group will work with Associate Dean Lloyd to work on the following tasks:
1. Securing local signing authority for grants and contracts at Department/School level. This is the single most important task that would remove what is perceived as the majority of impediments to facile grants and contracts administration;
2. Assuring a level of administrative support at the Departmental and School level.
Creation of a local Research Advocacy Center.
• Generate response timelines based on business metrics.
• Hold all staff accountable and incentivize performance.
3. Research Resources folder provided for new faculty that includes all needed information and links for establishing a research program:
   A. Introductory Letter from Kent Lloyd
   B. Who’s Who with contact information
   C. Core Facilities w/ hyperlinks, Research Centers and Services
   D. Research Safety & Training hyperlinks
   E. CTRB
   F. IACUC
   G. Funding Opportunities
   H. Grants
   I. Contracts
   J. STAR
   K. Grad Groups
   L. Personnel – Titles & Resources & pay, procedures for hiring
   M. Facilities Management Contact Information
   N. Library
   O. Setup of Centers of Excellence - Primate Center, IACUC
Accomplishments:
1) Developed Vision Statement: To create a vibrant, supportive environment that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, entrepreneurship and the execution of high impact, innovative research.
2) Developed Mission Statement: To remove barriers and initiate processes that promote traditional as well as entrepreneurial research activities.