

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG**  
**Faculty Research Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2006 1:00 PM**

Members Present: Cynthia Leung, Chair; John Arthur, Wei Guan, Ellen Hufnagel, Eric Odgaard, Patricia Pettijohn, Chris D'Elia

Absent: Pat Scott, Joyce Nutta (participated via proxy)

The Research Council met to review the NIRG and SIRG grant proposals for Fall 2006. Committee Chair Cynthia Leung reviewed the guidelines discussed at our previous meeting regarding the confidentiality of our deliberations and the need to document our reviews of each proposal. Codes were assigned to each reviewer to ensure anonymity in the reporting of outcomes.

Eleven proposals were submitted in all. Two proposals were disqualified because they did not follow the guidelines for length or spacing of the project description. Nine proposals were reviewed and ranked per the guidelines. A request will be submitted to the Office of Research for funding the top ranked proposals.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the COE Conference Room. At this meeting, the committee will discuss ways to improve the internal award process for future funding cycles.