

**Research Council Meeting  
November 10, 2017**

**Attendees:** G. Koru, J. Schumacher, L. DiCuirci, B. Arnold, S. Bediako, A. Brodsky, B. Lowenthal, K. Steiner, D. Drake, D. Engel, T. King-Meadows, M. Cather, S. Hudson, B. Demoz.

Chair Gunes Koru welcomed everyone to the meeting.

I. JCET – Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology

Belay Demoz provided an overview of the JCET organization.

II. PeopleSoft 9.2, Business Process Improvements and REX-Finance Reporting

III. Ben Lowenthal provided an update about PeopleSoft 9.2, Business Process Improvements and REX-Finance Reporting.

- There is a noted trend downwards in graduate students but, emphasized that there will be a large number of graduate students that are not from this country.
- Question about bringing in someone to talk about how foreign transfers impact our programs (i.e. Yvette Mosey-Ross).

IV. Updates from Office of the Vice President of Research

Karl Steiner and Don Engel provided an update from the OVPR.

V. Starting focused discussions of new Research topics.

- Noted need to focus on recruiting more graduate students.
- Sending communications to the graduate program coordinators to see what they require.
- Request for Undergraduate representative to attend Research Council.

Respectfully submitted by Rose Drohan.