Public release deep dive presentation---COL Mitch McCarthy

This is, hopefully, the last presentation on this topic prior to adoption of a new instruction; there will be a similar deep dive at next week’s President’s Council meeting. The process has been restricted down to the inferred intent of the IG comments around public release review. i.e., the instruction is focused on UNCLASSIFIED, Scholarly Material only. NPS faculty authors will receive additional training to recognize the many areas in which material should be restricted at some level and taught to seek expert, higher-level assistance if there are any questions whatsoever. Department Chairs (and Institute Directors) will be expected to help facilitate support if asked and they will be required to attest to the fact that the individual faculty members have recorded all of their publicly released scholarly materials from the past year as part of their Faculty Activity Report (FAR). The PPT presentation on this topic will be placed on the Research Board Sakai site.

Security training

There are still a number of people on campus who are delinquent in their security training. If that training is not completed by the end of the month, then the Security Office will be “administratively debriefing” individuals, which means that they will lose their security clearances (but not their jobs). Faculty are warned that it will be more difficult to get their clearances reinstated than it is to complete the training.

NPS Naval Research Program (NRP)---Rod Abbott

Note: NRP is the Program formerly known as the OPNAV Studies Program, which is the Program formerly known as the N1 Studies Program. CAPT (ret) Abbott is working at NPS as the NRP program manager on an IPA assignment from his permanent position at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The material presented is a version of the presentation scheduled to be given to President Route on 10 November. It explains that the, after being zero out and brought back at a lower level in FY15, the Program has been reinstated in FY16-FY20 period at a level of $12M/year. The funding is in the formal “PBIS” system and is, therefore, more stable now than in past years. Funding was replaced by N8B in the Pentagon with N84 (who is dual-hatted as the Chief of Naval Research at ONR) as the formal resource sponsor. CAPT Abbott, COL McCarthy, and Dean Paduan will be traveling to D.C. in November to meet with N8B and others to confirm the overarching guidance for the program and brief them on the process that NPS and N1B staff have developed to solicit topics, match topics with faculty proposals, and prioritize matched topics. Other issues to be settled include: the nature of the funds along the basic research (6.1) to studies (6.6) scale, the range of topic generators as OPNAV codes only or OPNAV codes plus fleets and syscoms, and the duration of projects as one year max or up to the two-year limit of the RDT&E funding line. The PPT presentation file for this topic will be placed on the Research Board Sakai site.
Kevin Wood asked the question: who pays for training? Jim Newman answered: the sponsor (its part of the job qualifications). DOR agreed but added that he believes that NPS has more than the average amount of required training; the question should then be asked "who pays for the additional training above and beyond the reasonable university standard?"

Data management and archiving in response to the DOD's new data sharing policy---Kevin Wood

As a follow up to the topic introduced at an earlier Research Board meeting, staff from the Dudley Knox Library (DKL) have created a presentation on the library's archiving capability and the new regulations. DKL staff will reprise a workshop on this topic on four separate occasions: 1500-1600 on 18 November in the ME Auditorium and on 20 November in Ingersoll 122 and noon-1300 on 14 January in the ME Auditorium and on 21 January in Ingersoll 122. The formal announcement for the workshops will be placed on the Research Board Sakai site.

Research Portal Update---Kevin Wood

There is an experimental version of the nascent Research Portal search engine online at:

https://my.nps.edu/web/research/home

So far, the search engine is connected to research project summaries from a couple of years worth of FARs. Faculty are encouraged to work with the portal and forward on suggestions. Additional data sets will be connected to the portal with the ultimate goal to make it the starting point for all research questions related to the NPS research enterprise. More details will be forthcoming at future Research Board meetings.

A discussion of options for obtaining research support via Contracting or Partnerships was deferred to future Research Board meetings.

Research Work Acceptance Policy---Jeff Paduan

Recently a special Deans and Chairs meeting was convened by President Route and Provost Hensler in order to introduce the topic of reimbursable work acceptance and the increased roles that must be played by Department Chairs going forward. It was quickly pointed out at that meeting that the topic should be called work acceptance review because faculty will be given the opportunity to appeal a Chair’s recommendation to the senior NPS leadership. Still, it is critical that the campus engage in a thoughtful discussion of its strategic lanes with respect to research projects. It is clear that top Navy leadership expects that ALL research at NPS is in direct support of one of the NPS curricula (there is debate still as to whether that notion should be further restricted to only Naval resident curricula). Jeff Paduan pointed out that NPS is unique in the Navy system in that its business model relies on resource generation by the faculty through their interactions with external sponsors.
The resources are not provided from the top down with the exception of the mission teaching budget and the relatively small NRP funding. By contrast, Navy labs or warfare centers generate projects and resources at the portfolio manager level. In order to continue to function and to continue to attract and retain excellent and competitive faculty, NPS must keep the project decision making as close to the faculty PI as possible. Hence, it is important that Department Chairs play a more active role in reviewing potential work with their faculty and in helping to explain the benefits of their research portfolios to Navy leadership. The PPT presentation on this topic will be placed on the Research Board Sakai site. It should be considered as a draft document for the purposes of generating discussion. Research Board members should not distribute the document as NPS policy.

A discussion of automating FARs was deferred to future Research Board meetings.