Research at Illinois Presentation
Peter Schiffer gave a presentation about the Illinois Research Enterprise and offered some suggestions for how we as communicators might support the work of our researchers through our efforts.

A few key points:
- Sponsored research activities account for nearly 30% of the campus budget.
- The Campus-wide Research Institutes that report to the OVCR enable interdisciplinary collaborations, provide equipment and infrastructure conducting research, and train more than 2,000 undergrad and grad students and postdocs.
- Roles for OVCR and Unit Communicators include:
  - Enabling Collaborations
  - Staying Safe, Staying in Compliance with the Law
  - Funding the Conduct of Research
  - Helping Researchers Generate Ideas
  - Acknowledging Excellence and Discovery
- Tangible examples of things that we as communicators can do to support sponsored research activity include:
  - Acknowledging funders – and encouraging PIs to share news releases with their program managers
  - Doing your disclosures and encouraging others to do so as well
  - Encouraging your faculty members to check out their Illinois Research Connections profile
  - Acknowledging departmental and institutional affiliations when appropriate
  - Encouraging your faculty to sign up for the “Funding and Opportunities” Email list: https://illinois.edu/gm/subscribe/19149

For complete PPT presentation, see https://research.illinois.edu/sites/research.illinois.edu/files/upload/rcc_presentation.pdf

If you have questions about any of the material that Peter shared, please ask!

Information Sharing
We ran out of time to share updates, but the following announcements may be of interest to a number of people on campus. Please take a look and share if appropriate!

- **Research Park**
  Want to take your research out of the lab and into a startup? Did you know that the SBIR/STTR pool of available grants totals more than $2 billion annually? Learn how you can access from this invaluable early stage research and development funding resource from various federal agencies. Our SBIR experts will present best practices, tips, and information that will help you develop a quality SBIR proposal. Join us for one or all of the three workshops in April. Lunch will be served. All workshops will be held in EnterpriseWorks Conference Room 130, free parking is available. More info, including dates and registration: http://researchpark.illinois.edu/sbir-workshop-series-returns-april
• **Keeling Lecture**
  Stanford Ecologist Chris Field is delivering the 2016 Keeling Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Noyes Lab 100. Title: “Climate Change: The Road through Paris.” More at [http://sustainability.illinois.edu/keeling-lecture-2016-climate-change-the-road-through-paris/](http://sustainability.illinois.edu/keeling-lecture-2016-climate-change-the-road-through-paris/)

• **Earth Week**
  Earth Week is April 18-22. Highlight: Bike Ride with the Chancellor on Friday morning, April 22. Full schedule: [http://sustainability.illinois.edu/outreach/annual-events-conferences/](http://sustainability.illinois.edu/outreach/annual-events-conferences/)

• **Center for Advanced Study MillerComm2016**
  The Impact of Climate Change on the Glaciers of Patagonia and Tierra Del Fuego
  Jorge Rabassa, George A. Miller Endowment Visiting Professor and Director, Centro Austral de Investigaciones Científicas and Universidad Nacional de Tierra del Fuego, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina
  Tuesday, April 26, 2016; 4:00 p.m.
  Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum

• **Bass Lecture**
  The College of Fine and Applied Arts is co-sponsoring an upcoming lecture by Carl Bass, President and CEO of Autodesk, Inc. We would like to invite you and your colleagues to attend and would appreciate your help in spreading the word. We’ve created a Box folder containing posters in tabloid and letter sizes as well as designs for digital signs. If you desire materials with different dimensions (for digital signs), please share your dimensions with our designer at nfiol2@illinois.edu, and she will add the files to the Box folder.

• **The 21st Century Scientist Workshop: Representation**
  April 29, 2016; 8:30 AM - 5 PM
  Beckman Institute
  For more details, see: [http://21centurysci.com/workshop/](http://21centurysci.com/workshop/)