OVCR Website
Take it for a spin: http://dev.research.illinois.edu/

We are still refining colors, checking links, etc. but I WELCOME all input and suggestions! This is very much still a beta site.

Please note especially the “Research at Illinois section.” My hope is that this will be useful information for you if you need big picture information about the Illinois research enterprise. I know the list of centers and institutes will be hopelessly out of date the second I publish it, but we will actively manage that content and verify links.

Media Opportunities Best Practices
The Media opportunities best practices subcommittee had a good discussion about kinds of content we are asked to promote. We have engaged with David Black in Web Services to pursue enhancements to the calendar that would help us to promote events both internally and externally.

Brand Watch
Joe Yun and Nick Vance from CITES gave a demo of this powerful social media tool. We are all invited to be part of this pilot project. A reminder – here’s how you get involved, from Joe:

1. Send us your search terms for your unit (Email to Nick Vance at npvance2@illinois.edu)

2. We will send you back an email with a link to the tool, your login information, and first steps with the tool.

“Research Day” at the College of Medicine
Mark your calendars for a one-day event that showcases of College of Medicine research: http://go.illinois.edu/ResearchDay

New Beckman Initiative in Language and Linguistics
Beckman’s new “Language and Linguistics Initiative” brings together researchers from across campus to study language—from how it is learned, comprehended, and spoken throughout the lifespan, to second language learning, to language processing by technological devices. Here’s a link: http://beckman.illinois.edu/news/2015/02/illi_initiative

OPEN HOUSES
March 13 is the date of a number of Open Houses across campus. Good luck to everyone planning events. (With that in mind we will cancel the March Research Communications council meeting.)
Focal Point Applications Due
The Grad College’s Focal Point initiative – which supports interdisciplinary research collaborations – has an upcoming submission deadline (March 20, 2015). Learn more: [http://www.grad.illinois.edu/focal-point-feature](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/focal-point-feature)

IGB’s New Research Theme
The IGB has a new Research Theme in “Computational Genomics.” Learn more: [http://www.igb.illinois.edu/news/igb-establishing-research-theme-computational-genomic-medicine](http://www.igb.illinois.edu/news/igb-establishing-research-theme-computational-genomic-medicine)

NIH Week April 7-16
Sally Rockey, the NIH’s Deputy Director for Extramural Research (and frequent blogger!) will be on campus the April 16 as part of “NIH Week.” There will be a number of other speakers throughout the week.

New “International” Portal
International Programs and Studies is developing a portal related to the Illinois international presence and research. Sandra Allain is the contact for more information: [sjmunoz2@illinois.edu](mailto:bjmunoz2@illinois.edu)

Campus researchers are invited to apply by March 16 to use Blue Waters
All campus researchers are invited to apply by March 16 for allocations on the powerful Blue Waters supercomputer. There will be a Q&A session about the supercomputer and the proposal process from 3 to 5 pm March 5 in Room 1040 at the NCSA Building.

For complete instructions on how to apply, see [https://bluewaters.ncsa.illinois.edu/illinois-allocations](https://bluewaters.ncsa.illinois.edu/illinois-allocations).