Guest Speaker
Animals in the Research Enterprise – Jan Novakofski, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research
Jan provided a great overview of the role of animals in our research enterprise and gave examples of how to share information about research when animals are involved.

A few of the interesting points that Jan shared:
- Transparency is the best practice when sharing research that involves animals.
- All research projects using animals must be approved by the IACUC and follow all Federal regulations. The IACUC has representation from across campus and even from the community. Interestingly, not even the chancellor can overrule an IACUC decision.
- The U of I has one of the oldest companion animal nutrition programs in the country.
- Research animals reused in other studies or made available for adoption whenever possible.
- The FDA requires animal testing of all chemicals used in food and cosmetics – even if something says that it’s not tested on animals, the components of that product were tested on animals.
- Like food and cosmetics, all medical devices must be animal tested.

We are going to explore some additional training related to media relations and the use of animals in the research enterprise.

OVCR Updates
Sesquicentennial Celebration
- Banners: New banners and installation paid for by campus. Contact Todd Hearn at F&S for guidance on design and creation. A map of banner locations attached.
- Timeline: Include your unit’s important milestones on the timeline at: http://150.illinois.edu/

Research Video Needs
- Melissa has reached out to other institutions in the Big 10 and will share information once we have a critical mass.

Office of Corporate Relations
- Visioning group evaluating OCR activities and making recommendations. Research Communications Council may want to be involved in OCR marketing materials preparation.
**Group info sharing**

**Illinois Innovation Prize**: Nominations due Dec. 18

Nick Vasi posed a question to the group regarding the inclusion of institute affiliations in media coverage. We continue to struggle with articles that leave out faculty affiliations. If you have suggestions or comments, please share them.

**Next RCC Meeting**

No January meeting!

Next meeting: **February 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**