Research Communications Council Minutes  
February 8, 2019

Featured Guest  
Wanda Ward, the Executive Associate Chancellor for Administration and University Relations, was this month’s featured guest. Wanda serves as chief of staff, advising and assisting the chancellor on a wide range of campus initiatives and policies. Her administrative portfolio includes oversight and management of the public engagement, marketing and branding, special events, governmental and community relations, the Board of Trustees, the Academic Senate office, and Swanlund human resources. Wanda previously worked at the National Science Foundation and offers a unique perspective on the organization.

Partnering with DIA  
Cassie Arner, the Associate Athletic Director for Marketing, Fan Development, and Strategic Communication in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, joined us this week to talk about potential collaborations between research units and athletics.

OVCR Updates  
• Foreign influence in sponsored research is a serious issue for the university. The OVCR is crafting a message to send out to all investigators, and we’ll need your help in sending a tailored message to your specific units.
• The 2018 Research Report is now available. Please contact Tyler Wolpert if you need a small supply.

Group Updates  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine  
• The Health Make-a-Thon competition opens up this week. Finalists will pitch their ideas for a chance to win $10,000 in Health Maker Lab resources to create a real prototype of their idea. The submission deadline is March 11, 2019.

IGB  
• New York Times columnist and renowned author Carl Zimmer will be giving a lecture on his newest book, titled She Has Her Mother’s Laugh: The Powers, Perversions, and Potential of Heredity, on March 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center.
• IGB announced the launch of the Catherine and Don Kleinmuntz Center for Genomics in Business and Society, which will build on the IGB’s innovative genomic research by enhancing its global influence.

News Bureau  
• amplify the signal is a 2-day workshop on (May 14-15) for science writers, scientists and students who want to better understand, evaluate and share new research findings with
nonscientist audiences. The workshop is a collaborative effort of scientists, journalists and educators who hope to improve science and science communication.

Public Affairs

- Contact Alison Vance if you need strategic plan booklets.

Research Park

- The 2019 AgTech Innovation Summit is on March 6. This event has become a major component of the research park, and they need help with promotion. Contact Laura Bleill for more information.

School of Information Sciences

- On March 8, Pamela Wisniewski, 2018-2020 iSchool research fellow and assistant professor in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Central Florida, will present the 2019 Gryphon Lecture, "Taking a Teen-Centric Approach to Adolescent Online Safety."