Office of Corporate Relations
Pradeep Khanna from the Office of Corporate Relations shared information about the office’s mission: to be both the voice of companies to campus and the voice of campus to companies. OCR works to facilitate relationships with companies by connecting them to the right people in the university’s different units. See the presentation here: https://uofi.box.com/s/ocme93prfo2fp4d08u4nc515dkf38m3f

Pradeep also shared drafts of area-specific information sheets that aim to provide a high-level view of campus capabilities. View the sheets at: https://uofi.box.com/s/n3w4iqeptpk2wi9mgb1009vrlj7bmh1

Melissa suggested that Research Communications Council members can help provide content for these sheets. We will be in contact to outline a process for doing this, but if you have ideas, please contact Melissa.

Updates from the OVCRC

- The Illinois Data Science Initiative will launch soon. This is a cross campus initiative and all units are welcome to participate.
- Visit the centers and institutes page on the OVCRC website to make sure your information is up-to-date https://research.illinois.edu/research-illinois/research-centers-and-programs
- The OVCRC has put together a DRAFT list of 150 years of “research awesomeness” that MAY be useful for units to add to the Sesquicentennial website. Melissa will attach the list to the distribution of the minutes. Caveat – this was assembled by a student and we HAVE NOT fact checked it. However, it may inspire you to add content to the sesquicentennial website, so please use it as a starting point!

Updates from the group

News Bureau/Public Affairs:

- Liz Touchstone will now be covering biomedical sciences beat and a search is on for a new Physical Sciences writer
- David Black is the interim Director of Creative Services, taking over for Libby Kacich, who has moved to the new College of Medicine
- Meghan Downs is developing a social media campaign for the sesquicentennial, reach out to her with questions mgdowns@illinois.edu

FAA
Architecture has a new robotic arm in the fabrication lab – the largest robotic arm on campus

NCSA
Cyberfest Two, March 13 2017 (Partnership with the College of Media)
https://illinois.edu/calendar/detail/772?eventId=33262379&calMin=201702&cal=20170213&skinId=18252
IGB
Gene Robinson and May Berenbaum to be featured on Reddit's Ask Me Anything Reddit February 14
http://www.igb.illinois.edu/news/gene-robinson-and-may-berenbaum-reddits-ask-me-anything

ISEE
Revamped website: http://sustainability.illinois.edu/

Beckman
Register for Brainhack 2017: https://publish.illinois.edu/brainhack2017/
A community-organized hackathon and unconference that brings together researchers and technologists to work together on innovative neuroimaging projects involving large data sets in structural MRI, functional MRI or other modalities, including EEG and fNIRS/EROS optical imaging, held March 2-4, at the Beckman Institute. Register by Feb. 20 at publish.illinois.edu/brainhack2017/

Family Resiliency Center
The Family Resiliency Center has launched a podcast series! Check it out:
http://familyresiliency.illinois.edu/resources/podcasts

Office of Technology Management
Save the Date: Tech Showcase September 21 at the iHotel

Reminder:
Engineering Open House, Beckman Open House, etc is March 10-11.