Research Advisory Board update

• Research Enhancement Plan
• Research Advisory Committee (RAC)
• Membership
• http://research.utsa.edu/rab/
• 2012-13 foci
  – Multi/Interdisciplinary Research at UTSA
  – Recommendations for Fostering Research Productivity and Creating a Research Culture at the University of Texas at San Antonio (Macro issues)
  – UTSA Research Goals: Micro Issues
Update from RAB Sept 2013

• IRB Review (Regulatory and “best practices”)

• Strengths
  – Recognizes the flexibility of the regulations and in large part reviews research at the least restrictive level of review.
  – Relies on full-time IRB staff for all non-committee procedures.
  – Appropriately uses waivers of written documentation of consent for most research involving no more than minimal risk to subjects.
  – IRB Director helpful

• Concerns (see handout)
  – IRB functions
  – IRB office functions

• Recommendations (see handout)

IRB Advisory Task Force
Update by VPR

• IRB Advisory Task Force
• Building UTSA’s Portfolio
  – Topics identified by colleges
  – Plan to enhance (including faculty, infrastructure, etc)
• Administration: Critical examination of processes (and forms)
• Commercialization
  – Record number of disclosures
  – Recovered $100K in patent costs
VPR update (con’t)

• Reconstruction of ORI
  – IRB processes
    • Procedures/forms (revised)
    • Electronic management system
    • Turn around time
    • Paradigm shift (minimal risk, not zero)
    • Separation of duties
    • Timeline: ASAP
  – Export control
  – Enhance research ethics program
  – Mickey Stevenson RIO (with Provost and VPR as decision makers)
Goals for 2013-14

• Graduate studies at UTSA
• Undergraduate research at UTSA
• Follow-up on white papers