Research Dashboard Data Group Meeting Minutes:

8/2/10

**Attendees:** Rana Glasgal, Angel Mayorga, Barbara Cole, Kathleen Thomson, Michiko Pane, Lee Merrick, Samir Pandey, Dilip Kondiparti, Dianne Archer

**Absent:** Sharon Bergman, Bettye Price

**Location:** Bambi Modular, Room 6

Today’s meeting continued the previous week’s discussion about proposal data.

The first topic was the distinction between competing and non-competing proposals. Barbara had a conversation with Anne Hannigan about what the audience for the dashboard would like to see. The group decided to have a SEPARATE tab that includes non-competing proposal “submissions” so a dashboard user could see the total number of submissions, i.e., the total amount of work being done in the interests of sponsored research. This should be well-defined on the db tab so people know that it is not the same as the number of proposals.

**NOTE:** Revisions/re-submissions are the same in SPIDERS, but will be different in SERA so we will need to account for that when the dashboard is revised.

A question arose as to whether we will want to show outstanding proposals in the db somewhere. On May 21, the focus group said they did, but we will ask again at the Aug 12 focus group meeting.

Some time was spent on navigation questions. Rana described Randy Livingston’s comments that we can’t move the tabs up to the “blue” area. So how do we use the current tab structure to clearly show everything we want? The group is definitely decided against 3 graphs (3 different drill paths) on one db screen.

Samir presented a potential solution – a drop-down box to select your “drill path”, and therefore what chart will appear. You could select FY, school, or sponsor type. This seems to be the way to go.

The group favors the use of stacked bars for comparisons – it’s a good way to compare across schools/agencies.

While the group agrees that this iterative approach to building the db is working, Dilip pointed out that at some point we need to stop iterating and “freeze” the dashboard. The group agreed that we need to do that in order to get something out to the wider audience and get feedback. Randy likes this approach as well.

Next steps: make these meetings 1.5 hours (done), Samir to have a new mockup by the 8/9 meeting, and talk about award data on 8/9 after the new demo by Samir.