Amplifying Research: a proposition from the URC

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Goal

- to promote research leadership and mentoring as fundamental tools for research achievements and academic success
- all carrot (no stick)
- similar initiative: USC and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Research leaders

- leaders are those who empower others\(^1\)
- sharing of experience (mentoring) is key to our success as a research institution
- NC State could do more to promote these activities

\(^1\) Bill Gates; from the same author: "640K ought to be enough for anybody"...
Alumni Association
outstanding … faculty awards

- *(OFD)* teacher ➔ Academy of outstanding teachers; follow-up awards: Distinguished UG/G Professor

- *(OOE)* extension & outreach ➔ Academy (?)

- *(ORIED)* research ➔ ∅
Proposed plan

Modify the current AA outstanding research awards

- add research leadership component to selection criteria
- create Research Leadership Academy
- extend time window from 12 months to 60 months

Role of the Academy

- foster university wide culture of research mentoring, in collaboration with other units
- serve as resource on research leadership and mentoring
- provide "permanence
Approvals and consultation

- University Research ✓
- Alumni Association (AVC Benny Suggs) ✓
- ORIED (VC Lomax, Vouk, Rebar) ✓ ✓ ✓
- Office of the Provost (VP Stewart) ✓
- Deans’ Council (tomorrow)
- Others?
Initialization

- IAA and ORIED to sponsor an initial cohort of 8
- implementation for next award cycle (nominations due early next Spring)
Questions?

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