

Research and Scholarship Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (unapproved) Wednesday February 5, 2020, 1-2pm in BU 449

Attendance: Elliott Horch (Chair), James Kearns (recording), Victoria Zigmont, Christine Broadbridge, Sandip Dulla, Lisa Bier, Russell Engel, Kelly Bordner, Yulei Pang, Carol Jenkins, Jennifer McCullagh, and Jeremy Chandler

1. Sign-In and Call to Order at 1:00pm
2. News from DRI & SPAR
 - a. Christine Broadbridge
 - Christine gave an overview of the structure of the office of Division of research and innovation. She discussed the new positions that have been created as follows:
 - Candy Hwang will be working as the outreach coordinator.
 - Julia Irwin is the new grant coordinator. (Her role is to facilitate from a faculty perspective as PIs apply for external funding.)
 - Peter Demolis and Samantha Hedworth are working for STEM-IL.
 - Carey Ciaburri is now in a position of support.
 - There is a new effort for research protection and responsible conduct of investigators. Anyone who receives funding is now expected to go through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) program training. Christine also encourages professors to have their students go through the appropriate training modules.
 - Christine handed out a schedule of events that DRI will be involved with for the semester. The Faculty Research Conference (CCSU, May 1-2) has overlap with the Undergraduate Research and Creative activity (SCSU, May 1). Central has made their conference two days to accommodate SCSU.
 - b. Carol Jenkins (for Amy Taylor)
 - Carol has joined SPAR and is helping Amy on SPAR post-award tasks (grant oversight and accounting).
3. Consideration of the minutes of our Nov 6, 2019 meeting
 - a. Vote on approval of the minutes
 - Minutes approved, 8 votes for, 2 abstentions (Carol Jenkins did not vote as she is not a voting member of the body.)
4. Subcommittee Updates

(A sign-up sheet was passed around by the Chair for participation on the three standing subcommittees: Events, Student Awards, and Faculty Awards.)

 - a. Events
 - Kelly Bordner talked about the Tapas event. The topic is based on interdisciplinary and collaborative research. The event will be on Monday, March 9th starting at 4:30 pm and concluding by 7:30 pm.

- Undergraduate Research and Creative Conference Saturday May 2, 2020. Abstract submission will open mid-March. The event will be shortened to a half day.
 - The graduate student conference on May 11; planning has begun for that event as well.
- b. Student Awards
- The next call for proposals will be the summer and fall Undergraduate Research Grants. It does not appear that we will have an Undergraduate Research Assistant call this semester. It will be revisited in the fall.
- c. Faculty Awards
- The Joan Finn Fellowship review was just completed. The Senior Research Fellowship competition will be run in the middle of the semester.
5. Stat Support Fund
- a. Faculty Development Award
- There was a faculty development grant awarded that will lead toward a long-term statistics program to be embedded in the infrastructure of the university. Sousan Arafeh and Jenn McCullagh are the leaders of the project. Yulei Pang is also involved from RSAC.
 - They have begun planning statistics workshops as one funded activity. The first of these is scheduled for later this semester.
- b. Summer 2020 Statistical Consulting Pilot Program draft documents
- Pilot program documents were distributed and comments were sought.
 - Next steps were outlined by the Chair. Final approval must be given by the Provost, but if that happens, we will run the competition for consulting time for graduate students near the end of the semester.
 - Faculty consultants will be paid in the summer through the 10.12 mechanism.
 - Students working on graduate capstone projects will receive assistance for the statistical components of their research.
 - A call will be made for statistics-focused faculty to serve as consultants for the program. They will apply by submitting a CV to Elliott Horch.
 - Kelly Bordner brought up the question of intellectual recognition of the consultant. A discussion followed, where the general sense was that authorship for the consultant should be a possibility under certain circumstances, to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
6. Committee Membership for next year was briefly discussed; we will return to this at our next meeting.
7. Adjourn 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by James Kearns.